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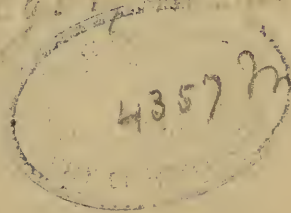
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SUPPLEMENT

IN WHICH

THE HISTORY OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED
RITE IS CONTINUED FROM 1860 TO THE
PRESENT TIME.

THE multiplicity of Events, which have occurred during the past Eighteen years, as connected with the Ancient and Accepted Rite, together with the earnest solicitations of a large number of the Brethren of the Order in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, have induced the Author to continue the History from 1862, at which time the volume closed, down to the present day. It will be printed in the form of a Supplement, and placed at the conclusion of the already published History, in order that the Indexes and Paging may not be altered. The Supplement will contain its own Index, following the Title-page. The printed proceedings of the different Councils will be followed closely, in order that the events related may be deemed Official and correct.

At the period when that History closed, great confusion prevailed in Masonic circles, both in this country and abroad. There were no less than Seven Supreme Councils of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General in the United States—viz.: Two in Boston, Mass., known as the GOURGAS Council, and the RAYMOND Council. One in New York, known as the CERNEAU Council. One in Charleston, So. Ca., known as the DE LA MOTTE Council. One in New Orleans, La., known as the FOULHOUSE Council. One in San Francisco, Cal., known as emanating from the ATWOOD-CERNEAU Council, and One in Bridgeport, Conn., emanating from the same source. In Boston, Mass., there were also Three Consistories, viz.: the GOURGAS, the RAYMOND, and the CERNEAU; in the City of New York, Three, deriving from the same authorities; in New Orleans, La., Two, one deriving from FOULHOUSE and the other from the DE LA MOTTE Council; and in Trenton, N. J., One deriving from the CERNEAU Council, N. Y.

The original cause of all this confusion and irregularity, was the pretended foundation on which the Ancient and Accepted Rite was established by the Charleston De La Motte body. We allude to the noted "Secret Constitutions of 1786," as given by Frederick of Prussia, which has been the prolific source of all the quarrels and dissensions—all the suspicions and doubts—all the bitterness, and bad feeling—which have prevailed from 1813, down to the present day. From the time of Stephen Morin, there were numbers of persons in rightful possession of all the degrees of Perfection; numbers of persons were appointed by him as Inspectors, in this country, to confer the degrees; ABRAM JACOBS continued the work, and the DE LA MOTTE Council appointed many Inspectors to do the same thing. Thus, the degrees of the Rite were scattered broadcast over the land. True, it was with the purpose of forming bodies of the Rite, but those bodies were seldom formed, and the possessors of the degrees were left to act their pleasure. When the Supreme Council was formed at Charleston, So. Ca., based upon these pretended Constitutions, which made it an Exclusive, Arbitrary Body, at once opposition arose in all the Masonic bodies of the land. CERNEAU established his body in the city of New York, in 1807, discarding the Secret Constitutions, and declaring the body which he formed, to be governed by the Constitution of 1762, and by the General Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the Masonic Order—and thus the war began. From that time to the present, all has been confusion in the Rite. The difficulties have increased from year to year, until 1862, when we are called upon to record the disgraceful acts already alluded to.

This state of things could not be expected to continue for any length of time, as every day was producing more and more bitterness of feeling, fresh causes of complaint arose on all sides among the Brethren, the Order was rapidly hurrying to dissolution, when an event occurred, which, after the lapse of a few years, brought about a union which promoted, for a time, good feeling in the Rite.

And here we would take up the History, beginning with the GOURGAS Council in Boston, Mass. Ill. Bro. EDWARD A. RAYMOND, was at the time alluded to—1860—M. P. Sovereign, Grand Commander—In connection with his Predecessor, J. J. J. GOURGAS—Past Sov. Gr. Commander, and Ill. Bro. GILES FONDA YATES—also Past Grand Commander, he was a firm believer in the authenticity of the Secret Constitutions of 1786, as well as the doctrines therein set forth. According to that Constitution, he was declared to be the M. P. Sovereign Grand Commander—ad vitam—and believed himself to be such, clothed with *absolute* power, which could not be taken from him, except by Resignation—Removing from the Jurisdiction—or by Death. He possessed, by that Constitution, the power to name his Successor—to open, or close, the Supreme Grand Council at his pleasure—to make Sov. Gr. Inspectors General without the consent, or knowledge of the Council—in fact, a monarch over the whole jurisdiction, and none could prevent his acts.

Governed by these ideas, he presided over the Supreme Grand Council with an iron hand. It would appear that at the annual meeting of the Supreme Grand Council, in May, 1857, Ill. Bros. Peter Lawson, Wm. Field, and Charles R. Starkweather. were elected unanimously to receive the Thirty-Third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and the M. P. Sov. Gr. Commd. was requested to confer the same when convenient. Ill. Bro. Starkweather was present, and received the degree. Subsequently, viz.: August 22d, 1860, an Extra Session of the Sup. Council was held at the call of the Sov. Gr. Commander. ILL. BRO. STARKWEATHER presented the following Resolution, which was read and laid on the table:

“Resolved—That while we officially, and personally, recognize ILL. BRO. PETER LAWSON, as a Mason, and as such desire to treat him with all courtesy, we cannot recognize him as a Sovereign Grand Inspector General.”

Other Resolutions were offered by ILL. BRO. STARKWEATHER

and ILL. BRO. VAN RENSSELAER, which were deemed disrespectful by the Sov. Gr. Commander, and he refused to put them. On Friday, August 24th, after the usual business was disposed of, the Sov. Gr. Commander stated :

“That an unwarrantable indication of Insubordination, and a manifest disposition, on the part of certain Brethren, to disregard their Constitutional obligations, and to usurp the power and authority of the Sov. Gr. Commander, I therefore regard it, not only my privilege, but my duty, to close the Council forthwith, and I do declare it to be closed *sine die*.”

On December 30th, 1860, the Sup. Gr. Council assembled at the call of the Sov. Gr. Commander, present—RAYMOND, ROBINSON, and LAWSON. . On the 15th, on motion of ILL. BRO. SIMON W. ROBINSON, ILL. BRO. CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN was granted the Ancient degree of Sov. Gr. Ins. Gen., 33d and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and was appointed to the Office of Depy. Ins. General for the State of New York.

On January 9th, 1861, ILL. BRO. WM. FIELD, of Providence, R. I., to whom the 33d degree was unanimously granted by the Sup. Council, at its annual session, in May, 1857, was again voted for with the same result, and he was accordingly advanced to the eminent degree of Sov. Gr. Ins. General, 33d and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

On March 20th, 1861, the Sup. Gr. Council assembled, pursuant to an Order from the Sov. Gr. Comm., who announced the appointment of ILL. BRO. SIMON W. ROBINSON, to the dignified office of P. Lieut. Gr. Commander, and thereupon installed him into that office. Also, the appointment of ILL. BRO. PETER LAWSON, to the office of Gr. Master of Ceremonies, and installed him into that office. Also, the appointment of ILL. BRO. WM. FIELD, to the office of Gr. Cap. of the Life Guards, and installed him into that office. Also, ILL. BRO. LUCIUS R. PAIGE, having been proposed, and duly elected by a unanimous vote, was advanced to the eminent degree

of Sov. Gr. Insp. General—33d and last degree—Anc. and Acc. Rite.

On motion of P. Lieut. Gr. Commander—

“Resolved—That the M. P. Sov. Gr. Commander be requested to remove ILL. BRO. CHARLES W. MOORE from the office of Gr. Sec. Gen. of the H. E.—of the Sup. Gr. Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the U. S. of America, he having accepted office in the spurious body, claiming to be a Supreme Council.”

On the recommendation of the M. P. Sov. Gr. Commander, ILL. BRO. LUCIUS R. PAIGE was unanimously advanced to Active Membership of the Sup. Council, and on motion of P. Lieut. Gr. Commander, it was

“Resolved that the M. P. Sov. Gr. Commander be requested to appoint ILL. BRO. LUCIUS R. PAIGE to some office in the Sup. Gr. Council at his earliest convenience.”

On May 8th, 1861—The M. P. Sov. Gr. Commander appointed ILL. BRO. LUCIUS R. PAIGE, Ill. Gr. Sec. Gen. of the H. E. *pro tem.* On May 10th, 1861—ILL. BRO. GEORGE M. RANDALL, having been previously elected, was advanced to the eminent degree of Sov. Gr. Insp. Gen. 33d and last degree, and was unanimously admitted as an active member of the Sup. Gr. Council.

The M. P. Sov. Gr. Commander announced the appointment of ILL. BRO. LUCIUS PAIGE, to the office of Gr. Marshal, and thereupon he was installed into that office by the P. Lieut. Gr. Com. Also, the appointment of ILL. BRO. GEO. M. RANDALL, D. D., to the office of Gr. Minister of State, and thereupon he was installed into that office.

At the Annual Session, held on Tuesday, May 21st, 1861, on motion of P. Lieut. Gr. Commander, and with the approbation and consent of the M. P. Sov. Gr. Commander, the following Preamble and Resolution was unanimously adopted :

Whereas, Bro. C. W. MOORE, Secretary General of this Supreme Council, has seceded from this Body, and aided and assisted in organizing a spurious

and irregular Council, with a view to embarrass and destroy this Council; and whereas he has been appointed to and accepted office in the said spurious Council, and otherwise demeaned himself in an unmasonic manner: therefore be it

Resolved, That he, the aforesaid CHARLES W. MOORE, has forfeited his claim to membership in this Council, and that his office be declared vacant.

T. M. P. Sov. Gr. Commander announced the appointment of Ill. Lucius R. Paige to the office of Gr. Sec. Gen. of the H. E., and thereupon installed him into the said office, which appointment was approved by unanimous vote. ILL. BRO. PAIGE resigned the office of Ill. Gr. Marshal, and his resignation was accepted.

Wednesday, May 22d, 1861—

The Sov. Gr. Commander addressed the Sup. Council, in relation to the disorderly proceedings of certain Gr. Ins. Gen. within his jurisdiction, since the last Annual meeting, and announced what his official acts had been, in consequence of such proceedings. The address was unanimously approved, and the following Order No. 2, issued:

ORDER No. 2.

Whereas, From information received at this Grand East, on the thirteenth day of December, instant, it appears that a member of the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, and other persons who are not members, without warrant or authority, have attempted to exercise powers wholly unpossessed by them, and using the name and impress of this Supreme Council, are attempting to exercise authority in an unwarrantable and unconstitutional manner, which information is derived from a printed document understood to emanate from K. H. VAN RENSSELAER, who professes to be P.: Lieut.: Grand Commander, to which document is attached the signature of C. W. MOORE, as Secretary General of the H.: E.:—

Therefore be it known, and it is hereby ordered, that all documents purporting to come from any other source than that emanating from EDWARD A. RAYMOND, as Grand Commander, are spurious, void, and of no effect, unless issued by some Deputy, in his capacity as such, to be hereafter appointed and named in orders.

Be it further known, that, by the power vested in me as Sov.: Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction of the U. S. A., and as contained in the Constitution of our Illustrious Order, I hereby recall and revoke the exequator of the said K. H. VAN RENSSELAER as Deputy for any portion of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States.

All dues and revenues to the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction

of the U. S. A. must be paid to the Ill.:Treasurer General, SIMON W. ROBINSON, of Lexington, Mass., who is the only person lawfully authorized to receive the same.

The Proceedings of the Supreme Council for 1860 will soon be issued by authority, and forwarded to the several Bodies under this jurisdiction.

APPOINTMENT.

Notice is hereby given that I have appointed Ill.:Bro.:PETER LAWSON, of Lowell, Mass., as Assistant Secretary to the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction of the U. S. A., and all communications sent to the Supreme Council will, for the present, be addressed to him; and all Orders hereafter issued by me will be signed by the said PETER LAWSON, as Assistant Grand Secretary.

Given at the Grand East, in the city of Boston, this twentieth day of December, A. D. 1860.

Voted, That, after an examination of the Grand Constitution of 1786, this Supreme Grand Council is fully satisfied that the M.:P.:Sov.: Grand Commander has strictly observed the requisitions thereof in filling the vacancies in this Council, and that his action therein is hereby approved and confirmed.

ILL. BRO. AARON P. HUGHES was unanimously elected as a Candidate for the 33d and last degree. On May 22d, 1861, the Sov. Gr. Commander delivered an address which we hereby give in full:—

ADDRESS.

BRETHREN:—In the good Providence of Him who rules in the armies of Heaven and among the inhabitants of earth, we have again been permitted to assemble on the occasion of our Annual Meeting. We come together under circumstances which will impart to our deliberations an extraordinary interest. Our beloved country is involved in the horrors of a civil war, while this Institution, so endeared to our hearts, has not wholly escaped the infection of rebellious spirits, who seemed determined to divide and destroy what they are neither able nor worthy to control. These considerations will, I trust, only serve to unite us more firmly than ever in defining and defending the RIGHT, and exposing and denouncing the WRONG.

Since our last annual meeting the Supreme Council has held several meetings, all of which have been duly notified. In accordance with the unanimous vote of the Council at an annual meeting, our Ill.:Bros.:WILLIAM FIELD, of Providence, R. I., and the Hon. PETER LAWSON, of Lowell, Mass., have received the thirty-third degree; and our Ill.:Bro.:LUCIUS R. PAIGE, of Cambridge, and Ill.:and Rev. GEORGE M. RANDALL, of Boston, have been in like manner unanimously admitted to the thirty-third degree at a meeting of the Supreme Council duly notified and constitutionally convened; and those four Brethren have been duly appointed to offices in the Council, have

been regularly installed in their several stations, and are now *Active Members* of this Body, according to the Constitution. We have still one or two vacancies, which you will take measures to fill at the proper time.

It becomes my painful duty to refer to the unmasonic conduct of certain persons, whose disorderly doings have dishonored our institution. I trust you will bear with me in the relation of a narrative that involves a course of proceedings which every royal mason, of whatever degree, must reprehend as at war with every principle of our time-honored fraternity. For your information, and as forming a basis of opinions which I shall express, as to measures proper to be pursued in the present exigency, I will endeavor to lay before you the principle facts in the order of their occurrence. The course of conduct which the late Grand Secretary General has seen fit to pursue, by withholding from me, for the last two years, all official documents addressed to the Supreme Council, or to him as Secretary, and intended for my action or that of the Council, has involved me in a seeming neglect of duty, and has been a fruitful source of complaint from other Masonic Bodies, whose communications, however important, remained unanswered. This state of things, has, naturally enough, led to the charge of neglect of the duties of my office, and indifference to the general interests of the institution at whose head I have been placed. I regret further to say that we have had no book of records since the Council has been located in this city. It has been the practice of the Secretary, from memoranda, to print, some time during the year, and commonly towards the close, an account of the proceedings in pamphlet form. I was not aware of this neglect until within the last two years, when I gave great offence by some remarks made relative to this subject.

The doings of the annual meeting, held in May last, were published early in the Autumn, together with other matters having no connection with this Supreme Council, but purporting to be the proceedings of a Body of masons calling themselves a Supreme Council, meeting and acting without authority, and in derogation of the laws, usages and constitutions of the Order. These proceedings were printed and clandestinely circulated in distant parts of our jurisdiction, for weeks and *months*, before they were allowed to see the light in this part of the jurisdiction.

About the middle of December, having learned that a pamphlet had been published purporting to be the Proceedings of the Supreme Council, and circulated through the Western States, I immediately took measures to procure a copy of the same, but without success. It must strike all upright masons, and all honest men, as a very extraordinary circumstance, that the first information which the Commander of the Supreme Council had in regard to the printed proceedings of the Annual Meeting, at which he presided, should come to him from a Brother of a distant State; that while Brethren in Ohio and other remote States were liberally supplied with copies printed in Massachusetts, the presiding officer, residing in Boston, knew nothing of the existence of such a document; so successful had been the effort of the Secretary General to conceal this fact from his knowledge. The answer of the Secretary

to the Brother who applied to him for a copy was, that the proceedings had not been published. This reply was repeated more than once, and as often as the application was made. At length, on the 20th of December, a copy was forwarded to Boston from a Western State. The Secretary General, when finally confronted by a Brother who had this copy in his pocket, and after having again denied that these proceedings had been published, permitted the pamphlet to see the light at the *Grand East*, after it had been circulated at the West for several months. To shield this most dishonorable transaction from exposure, by which the base plans of the conspirators would have been defeated, these proceedings were not entrusted to Brother TURTLE to print, who has done the printing for the Supreme Council for the last ten years, and who has been printer for the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for nearly a quarter of a century; but they were taken to a place in the neighborhood of Boston, and were there privately printed, and as privately concealed from the knowledge of the officers and members of the Supreme Council in this vicinity.

When a copy was finally obtained, the reason for such clandestine proceedings, so at variance with the open, straightforward, and manly course of all honorable and high-minded men, was at once apparent. This pamphlet, purporting to be the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Supreme Council and Consistory, together with the proceedings of a special meeting holden in August last, was so imperfect and unfair, (to use no stronger terms,) was gotten up so evidently with a purpose to mislead the brethren into whose hands it should come; and so barefaced were the misrepresentations, and so easily confuted, that the persons engaged in publishing it virtually confess, by the secrecy of their actions, that their only hope of success was in keeping the matter from the knowledge of the Supreme Council until the falsehood had imparted its poison, effectually, at a distance.

This pamphlet contained, moreover, the doings of a body of men who assembled together after the Council had been constitutionally closed by me.

The assembling of this body of men, which they had the presumption to call a Council and a Consistory, was in open violation of the Constitution, and of the obligations which every one of them had solemnly taken. The men engaged in this foul conspiracy to overthrow the institution which they had professed to love and honor, knew but too well that their rebellious doings would not stand the searching test of honest truth and masonic usage in daylight, and hence their hot haste to send off the flaming falsehood on its mission of mischief as clandestinely as possible.

The more profound the guilty secret, and the longer the interval between its issue and its exposure, the deeper its impression and the more difficult the task of eradicating it.

And before proceeding to a more specific statement of facts in confutation of these published statements, I would remark in more general terms, if all these doings were honest and above board, why court darkness rather than light?—why not trust the Brother who has always done our printing?—why send it to the Western States before circulating it in Massachusetts?—why persist in denying that it had been published at all, when it had been already

in circulation for months? Is this Masonic?—is this the course of ingenuous men, who are engaged in doing that which is lawful and right?—or is this precisely the course of persons who are conscious that they are doing that which is not right, and that which will not bear the light of open investigation.

I have caused the proceedings of the Annual Meeting, together with the doings of the special meeting held in August, to be published, with copies of which you will be furnished. In addition to what you will find there recorded, I will state a few facts which should be known, in order to a full understanding of the whole and a proper appreciation of the merits of the controversy.

Previous to the Annual Meeting in 1860, our late Ill. and lamented Bro. R. P. DUNLAP was removed from his sphere of usefulness on earth. His body was hardly cold in his grave ere I received an application from K. H. VAN RENSSELAER, soliciting me to appoint him to the office of Lieut. Commander, made vacant by the death of Ill. Bro. DUNLAP. As you may well suppose, I was disgusted at such an exhibition of indecent haste, indicating as it did the want of that modesty which is ever the companion of true merit. This act shows plainly the utter absence of the very first qualification for an office of such dignity: and had there been no other objection, I should have long hesitated before conferring the appointment on him; but there were other objections, which, in my judgment, were sufficient, but I will not here name them.

Mortified and chagrined by the wounded pride of disappointed ambition, he sought to obtain by usurpation what he had failed to reach in a legal and constitutional way. With the aid of other men, he has sought (and at this time, no doubt, feels that he has succeeded) to overthrow this Council and to erect another upon its ruins.

At the Annual Meeting in May of last year the plot was formed; then and there rank rebellion raised its hateful head for the first time in our Supreme Council. In the doings of that session there were strong indications of insubordination. Knowing full well the character of some individuals who were engaged in this work, I determined to guard, and, if possible, preserve, the honor and integrity of the Council at every point. Hence I deemed it my duty, as surely as it was my prerogative, to insist upon a due observance of the Constitution, and to suffer no encroachments upon the rights of the Chair, especially on the part of those who were not Active Members of the Council. The business of the Annual Session having been finished, the Council was closed without further embarrassment.

In August following, a special meeting of the Council was called to consider certain charges which had been preferred against ANDRES CASSARD. These charges having been fully sustained, he was expelled, and the Secretary General was directed to give notice of the fact to all other Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. On the day following (K. H. VAN RENSSELAER having arrived) an attempt was made to re-instate this expelled mason by simple resolution. This motion was so manifestly a palpable violation of masonic principles and obligations, that it was declared out of order, and the Chair refused to entertain it. A communication from CASSARD was then

presented by the Secretary General. To receive and consider a communication from an expelled mason was deemed by me to be entirely out of order, and I did not allow it to be read. A motion was then made, by one who was not an Active Member, to close the Council until four o'clock P. M. This motion was considered as a further attempt to embarrass the Council, by an improper interference with the duties and prerogatives of the Chair. The Commander then inquired if there was any further business that required the action of the Council at that time; none being presented, he declared the Council closed until the next morning at ten o'clock, in consequence of his own feeble state of health, as well as for the convenience of brethren residing out of the city—and above all, for the welfare and best interests of the Institution. K. H. VAN RENSSELAER, not a member, then openly and defiantly announced that there would be a meeting at four o'clock P. M.

The next day the Council met at the time appointed. After the reading of the minutes, I announced that the business for which the *special* meeting was called had been properly disposed of; and as there was unmistakable evidence of insubordination, and a rude and unwarrantable attempt to overthrow and disorganize the Institution, and as order and decorum in a masonic Body was the first rule to be observed, I therefore declared the Supreme Council for the N. J. closed *sine die*. Again K. H. VAN RENSSELAER gave notice to the Inspectors present that a meeting would be held in the afternoon of the same day, and requested his friends to be present.

The persons engaged in this act of undisguised rebellion continued their conclave for several days; during which time they organized a Body, and called it the *Supreme Council*. The doings of this spurious Body, they published in connection with *their account* of the proceedings of the Annual and Special Meetings of the Supreme Council.

As a part of their plan for overthrowing this, our legal and constitutional Body, and substituting therefore their clandestine association, they addressed circulars to our brethren of the Ineffable degrees, who they supposed might be induced to commit themselves to the cause of secession. By the grossest misrepresentations, they succeeded in seducing from their loyal allegiance a few brethren, who I am sure, had they been in possession of all the facts, would not have countenanced proceedings so unmasonic and revolutionary in their character, and utterly subversive of the very first principles on which our institution rests. I have no doubt that intelligent brethren who have been thus deceived, will, when rightly informed, promptly renounce all connection with this spurious Body. I am happy to say that the Hon. W. B. HUBBARD, of Ohio, who had heard their representation, and, under the influence of their deception, indiscreetly gave those men a note of endorsement, on learning the true facts of the case, immediately withdrew his approval in explicit terms, in a letter addressed to me, dated Feb. 22, 1861, as follows:

“Had I been possessed of the facts communicated by you to me subsequently, and of which I was at the time wholly ignorant, I would by no means have given my assent; and consequently I wish and authorize you to consider that assent and approval as suspended or revoked, and as having been given under misapprehension.”

It appears from their printed proceedings that this spurious Body, calling themselves a Supreme Council, adjourned to meet on the fifteenth day of May, 1861, (or at least so says the second edition of their printed Proceedings, the first edition not naming any time,) the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction having been fixed by that Body to be held on the third Tuesday in May, which the present year (1861), was on the twenty-first day of May; they therefore held their meeting six days before the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council, but for what object I will not undertake to say, nor by *whom it was called*; certainly not by the Grand Commander, nor by his order. And who else possessed the power to call a meeting of the Supreme Council, he not having (in the words of the Constitution) resigned, died, or removed out of the jurisdiction? Let any one answer who has studied the Constitutions of 1786, which we have *sworn* to obey and be governed by.

But this meeting of theirs was irregular, spurious and unconstitutional, both as to the time, the authority for calling it, and as to the business transacted. It will not and cannot be recognized by any good and true mason of the Ancient and Accepted Rite who regards his obligation.

It may be asked, what object had they in anticipating the meeting of the Supreme Council? To mislead and deceive the brethren by assuming to be the regular and constitutional Supreme Council. By meeting a week earlier, and making a great display on paper, they would be likely to deceive some honest brethren, who might take the spurious for the regular, the counterfeit for the genuine. It was a part of the plot; it was in the programme, and must be carried out.

During the session of the insurgents, I was repeatedly importuned to attend their conclave. The Hon. W. B. HUBBARD, of Ohio, several times urged me to go with him to their assembly; this I declined in the most positive terms. Bro.: HUBBARD was exceedingly anxious to effect a reconciliation. I assured him, in words both plain and positive, that the only reconciliation that could be effected was in the unconditional surrender of the usurpers, and their loyal allegiance to the authority of the Supreme Council.

Bro.: HUBBARD assured me that he attended their meeting only for the purpose of using his influence to bring about a reconciliation; and I understood him to say that he should take no part in the proceedings except with a view to this end. Failing to effect this object, he left the city, on his return home, before the session had closed. On leaving, he addressed a note to me, regretting his disappointment, and declaring that he did not expect ever again to meet any of his brethren in Supreme Council on earth; and I believe he meant precisely what he said.

After Bro.: HUBBARD had gone, these men proceeded to elect him to the office of Sov.: Grand Commander. The reason for their doing this is plain; they felt the need of the contribution to their cause of the capital which the publication of such an election might possibly bring, and therefore they elected him after he had gone, and, consequently, could not decline while they were in session.

When these men assembled together for the exercise of powers which had

never been conferred on them ; arrogating dignities which did not belong to them ; intending to overthrow an Institution which had once honored them ; in violation of their obligations, what did they do ? Among the very first things which marked their reckless and revolutionary proceedings, was the restoration of ANDRES CASSARD, a man who had been expelled by this Supreme Council, and by the Master Mason's Lodge, of which he was a member. This was in perfect character with their doings ; what else could have been expected from a body of men met for a purpose so purely unmasonic, so subversive of the first and foundation principles of our ancient Order ? Why should they not take him to their hearts, although he had been expelled from the Lodge, and also from the *regular and constitutional* Supreme Council ? He might yet be proper material for a spurious and illegal Body. On such a foundation, it is by no means extraordinary that such material might be wrought into the superstructure. Of the character of this spurious Body we need say nothing more. There they are ; let the masonic world look at them and pronounce upon their work.

We next see them increasing the number of Active Members and lavishly bestowing the thirty-third degree.

The Constitution, as it came from FREDERICK, the founder of the Order in its present form, permitted that there should be but two Supreme Councils in this country, and that each of these Councils should consist of no more than NINE members. He made this a *permanent feature* of the Order. This limitation was one of its distinguishing characteristics. With this striking peculiarity incorporated into its Constitution, it has been transmitted to us, without any power to change this fundamental principle.

It may be expected of me that I should say a word or two touching the constitutional aspect of this flagrant act of rebellious secession.

It is well known to you that the thirty-third and last, or governing degree, as well as the Supreme Council itself, was established by FREDERICK II., King of Prussia, just before his death, in 1786, and the Constitutions, as revised by him, which we are all bound to support and maintain, permit but two Councils in the United States of America. In the year 1801, a Supreme Council was duly established in Charleston, S. C. In the year 1813, a Supreme Council was duly and legally established in the city of New York for the Northern Jurisdiction. Gov. D. D. TOMPKINS, RICHARD RIKER, SAMSON SIMPSON and J. J. J. GOURGAS, were among its principal officers. Subsequently, Ill. Bro. J. J. J. GOURGAS became its regular and Constitutional Grand Commander, and continued to govern that Body for a number of years, when he resigned, and Ill. Bro. GILES F. YATES succeeded him by virtue of his previous appointment as Lieut. Grand Commander.

I received the appointment of Lieut. Grand Commander from Bro. YATES ; and on his retiring from office A. D. 1851, I succeeded to the office of Sov. Grand Commander, in accordance with the provisions and requirements of the Constitution, and was duly installed by him ; which office I now hold, and have held for the last ten years. On my return from Europe, in 1859, I made arrangements with the Ill. Lieut. Grand Commander, Ex-Governor R. P. DUNLAP, to vacate the station I then filled, and to install him as my successor,

in accordance with the provision of the Constitution. In ten days from that time, and before the contemplated arrangement was consummated, I received notice of his death. During the same year, the spirit of our Ill. and well-beloved Past Grand Commander G. F. YATES was summoned to another and, I trust, a better world. At about the same time, it was ascertained that Ill. Bros. GILMAN and YOUNG were permanently out of the jurisdiction. Thus, within a few months, the Supreme Council was deprived of the valuable services of four highly respected members; and the Grand Commander was then in a very feeble state of health. It was under these circumstances that the plot was formed which has recently been developed.

In the interpretation and application of the Constitution, it is to be borne in mind that this is *not*, and was never designed to be, a popular branch of Freemasonry. It originated with a monarch,—it was exclusive in its beginning—its founder made it so by the laws which he ordained; he intended to keep it so; this was to be a marked feature, in contrast with those forms of Freemasonry which are intentionally popular, and hence, in their general principles, readily adapted to the spirit of the age in a republican form of government. To undertake, therefore, to popularize this Institution, and to adapt it to the state of things as they chance to be to-day in a great Republic, is to divest it not only of a chief excellence, but to rob it of its most distinguishing feature. We have the democracy of Freemasonry, in the fullest measure, in the first three degrees. This has its advantages and its disadvantages. So here we have the highest form of the aristocracy of Freemasonry. If there be disadvantages attending such exclusiveness, there are certainly in this age, when liberty is so rapidly degenerating into licentiousness, no small advantages attendant upon this elevated quality, which partakes so largely of the monarchical and so slightly of the democratic element; but whether wise or not, well adapted or ill-adapted, to this country and to this age, *here it is*.

This is its design and purpose. We have received it, and as we have received it, we are bound to transmit it. If those who have been admitted to its pale do not like its principles, they are at liberty to retire from its organization and make room for others. And when the people have become so democratic in their *civil*, *social* and masonic ideas as not to tolerate this society, it will have no office to perform, and will very properly die of itself. I hold, therefore, that if continued at all, it should be by a strict adherence to its Constitution, in the maintenance of the peculiar features impressed upon it by its founder. To understand my position as the lawful Sov. Grand Commander of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, it may be necessary to call your attention to that provision of the Constitution, by which the Sov. Grand Commander received his authority, and the tenure by which he holds it, and the mode by which he is required to transmit it.

The third article of the Constitution of 1786, under which we act, provides, in case of death, resignation, or absence from country, not to return, of the Sov. Grand Commander, the Lieut. Grand Commander shall succeed to the first office, and shall appoint from among the Inspectors General his Lieut.

Commander. In case of the like occurrence, to the second officer, the Sov. Grand Commander shall *appoint* another Inspector General to fill the place thus made vacant. The Sov. Grand Commander shall also *appoint* the Ill. Treasurer and Secretary General, and fill all other vacancies. Thus you see that no provision whatever is made for the *election* of a Sov. Grand Commander and Lieut. Grand Commander, or any other officer of the Council.

The Commander receives his office, not by *election*, but by having been placed in the line of promotion by his predecessor, without a vote or confirmation; by virtue of his legitimate position. Moreover, he is *Commander ad vitam*. This may be very undemocratic, and it may be very unpopular with men whose ambition is never satisfied by any subordinate position, but it is nevertheless the supreme law of the Institution.

The members of this new and self-constituted body calling itself a Supreme Council do not even pretend that they have any *constitutional* authority for their proceedings, but arrogate to themselves the right to make the Institution conform to their notions of expediency. The tendency of the age is to make innovations upon its authority, and thus to divest it of every feature of originality, and clothe it in modern habiliments more in accordance with their taste. But it should be remembered that this is an ancient Institution, and every successful attempt to modernize it robs it of much of its beauty and interest.

This spurious body of men may assemble when and as often as they please in despite and defiance of masonic law, may pass resolves and ordinances, adopt new Constitutions, and do many other things, but they are not the legal and legitimate successors of Frederick or of the Council established by him. The ancient Constitution remains unaltered and in full force. They might as well undertake to re-model the Bible to make it conform to their religious faith; but if changes were made in these sacred writings, they would not be the Holy Scriptures.

But suppose the Constitution may be altered by competent authority: the persons who undertook to alter it and to override its provisions were not competent, because they were not members of the Council, and because their meeting was illegal. There was present only one person whom I recognize as a member of the Supreme Council; and surely one member does not constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The assembly was not legal, because the Council had been duly closed, and had not been again opened by me, or by any one who had authority to open it. At the special meeting in August, 1860, I was present, and presided. The object for which the meeting was called having been completed, I announced, in the usual form, that it was my pleasure that the Council be closed, and it was closed. I left the Chair, and the members, with a single exception, returned to their homes. In thus closing the Council, I did not transcend my authority. I did no more, indeed, than the Master of any Lodge may lawfully do. He does not request nor permit his Lodge to be closed by vote of its members; but, by the very first principles of Freemasonry, from the moment when he is installed in the East, no person except himself, when he is present, can either open or close the Lodge; nor can any person lawfully hinder him from opening or closing it,

if such be his will and pleasure. This is precisely what I did. I closed the Council, because the regular business had been disposed of, and because, in my judgment, the peace and harmony and welfare of the Institution would thus be most effectually preserved.

After the Council was thus lawfully closed, a person, who was not a member, arose and in my very face appointed a meeting of the Council at four o'clock, P. M. In conformity with that unauthorized and disorderly notice, a meeting was held, which continued its sessions for several days. And these men had the effrontery to publish their revolutionary doings, at these meetings, *as a part of the proceedings of the Supreme Council*. Is there an intelligent mason of any grade who will not pronounce such proceedings utterly void of the shadow of authority, entirely destitute of masonic principle and usage, and deserving the condemnation of every member of the fraternity and lover of law and union? Would such conduct be tolerated in a Lodge, or in Grand Lodge? Suppose a Master to close his Lodge legally and properly; and suppose, before he left the platform, a mason present, but not a member, should give notice that at four o'clock in the afternoon of that day or the next, the Lodge would meet in that place. Suppose the Master and loyal officers and members take no notice of this announcement; but the Secretary and sundry visiting Brethren get together at the appointed time, call their conclave a regular communication, transact business, pass votes recommending that the Master be deposed, and, at the adjournment of the meeting, some months afterwards, enact the solemn mockery of voting to depose him. Would not such proceedings be universally regarded as *clandestine*? and would not all who were engaged in them be held liable to discipline and to expulsion from the benefits of masonry, for a violation of its laws, and their own obligations? Or suppose a Grand Lodge had been thus legally and constitutionally closed by its Grand Master; and, before he left the platform, a visiting Brother should announce that at four o'clock in the afternoon there would be a meeting of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master and Wardens and most of the members go home. At four o'clock, the Grand Secretary and a few visitors assemble, and proceed to do business for several days in succession, express an opinion by formal vote that the Grand Master ought to be deposed, record and publish their doings *as a part of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge*, and send a printed copy of their spurious proceedings to every other Grand Lodge in the country, months before they permitted them to be seen near home. To cap the climax, suppose, at an adjourned meeting, they pass a vote to depose the Grand Master, and proceed to elect a successor. What action do you think the Grand Lodge would take in the premises? Such, I venture to say, as would place these turbulent men in a position where they would endure to the end of their lives, the proper fruit of their doings, unless they should secure the favor which they had justly forfeited, by a humble confession of their crimes and sincere promises of amendment.

Although there may be no universal law nor any essential fundamental principle, which absolutely forbids the multiplication of Grand Lodges, yet their increase in such a revolutionary manner is universally reprobated as wrong, and subversive of the principles and benefits of the Institution. But

in regard to the Supreme Council, the case is still stronger. There is a principle incorporated into its very constitution which absolutely prohibits the multiplication of Councils. There can be but *two* in the United States of America; and there can be but *one* in the Northern Jurisdiction. *All* beyond that number are necessarily *spurious*; and every effort to increase the number is essentially, inherently, and constitutionally wrong, and of no legal effect. Yet, according to the principles on which the seceders from the Supreme Council have conducted, the number of such bodies may be indefinitely increased. Some of their own associates might next year meet by themselves, depose their Commander, and establish a new Council; and so on, *ad infinitum* in open violation of the fundamental principles of the Constitution.

This spurious body, organized in the manner which I have indicated, held a conclave in this city during the last week, agreeably to a Constitution which they had framed and adopted. This meeting, of course, I did not attend, though notified, because it was unauthorized. Of this meeting I have to say, generally, that it was really no more nor less than an adjournment of the disorderly meeting in August, which has already been described; and all its proceedings must be regarded as equally spurious and void. If the first meeting was illegal, all the successive stages of its proceedings are vitiated by the same taint. An illegal body cannot legalize itself by an adjournment, either by a simple vote or through the form of a Constitution illegally adopted. Regardless, however, of this perfectly obvious fact, the spurious body assembled, and assumed to perform the functions of a Supreme Council. On Sunday evening I received a note, which was left at my residence during my absence on Saturday evening, summoning me to appear before them on Monday morning for trial, but for what specific offense it would be difficult to determine. Without discussing the question whether a Grand Commander may be lawfully tried and deposed by the members of his own Council, it is sufficient to say that I did not recognize the authority of those persons, and that I paid no attention to their summons. Although they had no more authority than any other equal number of men in the United States to sit in judgment upon me, in my individual or official capacity, yet it appears that they proceeded with an *ex parte* trial and voted to depose me. While I deny the legality of their proceedings, and protest against them as utterly unconstitutional and void, I do not regard it as any disparagement of my masonic character that they should officially declare that I have no connection with their spurious body. Having voted to depose me, they proceeded to elect a new Grand Commander. In so doing, they overlooked or disregarded two important circumstances. The Constitution does not permit the *election* of a Grand Commander. Moreover, up to the time of the pretended trial, they recognized me as the Sov. Grand Commander of the Supreme Council. As such, they notified me of the meeting; as such, they summoned me to appear for trial; as such, they voted to depose me. Such recognition was a virtual admission of an unquestionable fact, that all my previous acts, performed agreeably to the Constitution, were legal and binding. Among the constitutional acts thus performed by me was the appointment of Ill. SIMON W. ROBINSON as Lieut. Grand Commander. Long before I was summoned for

trial, I had appointed and installed him into that dignified office, in strict compliance with the provision in the Constitution heretofore quoted. So that if I were actually removed from office by their vote, or by any other means, Ill.:Bro.:ROBINSON would now be the legal Sov.:Grand Commander of the Supreme Grand Council, and no other person has a right to usurp his authority.

I now take my leave of these disorganizers, and commend them and their acts to the judgment of the Fraternity throughout the world. Before closing my remarks, however, in justice to myself and to the interests of this Institution, I wish to say, that if the Brethren with whom I am associated in this Supreme Council have any complaints in regard to my administration, I shall ever be willing to listen to them with the most fraternal and respectful consideration; and I pledge my best endeavors to redress any grievances which I may be convinced are hindering the success of the Order. And should we be unable to agree, I shall be ready to listen to the advice of wiser Brethren to whom we may mutually refer our differences. I am too far advanced in life, and have shared too largely the honors of Freemasonry, to be ambitiously tenacious of office; and I shall be more ready to surrender my authority than I was to receive it, whenever the interests of the Institution may be thus advanced.

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council to revise the Statutes and General Regulations, have attended to that duty, and will lay their report before you.

I have received a petition for a dispensation to open and form a Consistory S.:P.:R.:S.:in Boston, and shall recommend that it be granted.

I shall be happy to co-operate with the Supreme Grand Council and the Sov.:Grand Consistory in devising measures for rendering our Order more active and efficient, and shall cheerfully second energetic efforts to secure that desirable result.

The Committee on the M.:P.:Sov.:Grand Commander's Address reported a "Letter of Caution," which was adopted; and it was

Resolved, That the Supreme Grand Council be requested to adopt the same, and to send a copy to every Body and Deputy in this jurisdiction, to wit:

Whereas, This Supreme Gr.:Council has learned with regret that Brethren formerly acting under its jurisdiction have proved recreant to their obligations, and united themselves together for the purpose of endeavoring to usurp the prerogatives of this Supreme Grand Council, which has been for a long time, and still is, the only legal and acknowledged Head of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America; and fearing that some of the loyal Brethren residing in this jurisdiction may be deceived by the false representations and misstatements of the Brethren attached to the said illegal and unmasonic organization; this Supreme Grand Council has determined to issue this Letter of Caution, warning all loyal Brethren not to visit any Lodge, Council, Chapter or Consistory, within this jurisdiction, nor to hold masonic intercourse with any Brethren of

the Ancient and Accepted Rite, who do not acknowledge and yield obedience to this Supreme Grand Council. Active measures have been taken to ascertain definitely the names of all those who are connected with the aforesaid illegal organization ; and, as soon as this can be accomplished, this Supreme Grand Council will take such action in regard to them as the circumstances of the case may require.

The perusal of this address, which is very plain and decided in its utterances, will readily convince any Masonic reader of the opinions which the Sov. Gr. Commander entertained. He was a firm believer in, and supporter of, the Secret Constitutions of 1786. Taking that instrument for his guide, he closed the Sup. Council, *sine die*, left it to its fate, and commenced the establishment of another Council in its stead, by conferring, of his own volition, the 33d and last degree, upon members of the Rite, until he had obtained a sufficient number. These, so exalted, he appointed to fill the different offices, and proceeded with Masonic labor.

He declares himself to be M. P. Sov. Gr. Commander by *succession, ad vitam*, from whom the office cannot be taken, except by death, resignation, or removal from the jurisdiction ; that it is his *prerogative* to open, or close, the Sup. Gr. Council at his pleasure, to elevate Masons to the 33d and last degree, irrespective of the Council, or disapproval of the members, and that no Council has the right to vote for candidates to the high office which he holds, with many other things which need not be mentioned. Let every member of the Rite read the speech carefully ; if he will do this, he will not be at a loss to discover the origin of the disturbances in the Gourgas body. There is, no doubt, some truth contained in the charges against the *Gourgas* body, as well as some truth uttered by that body against the M. P. Sov. Gr. Commander RAYMOND. In order that both sides may be heard, a letter (published) is given from ILL. BRO. K. H. VAN RENSSELAER, Lieut. Gr. Commander of the Gourgas body.

LETTER.

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CAMBRIDGE, OHIO, JANUARY 31st, 1861.

ALBERT PIKE, ESQ. :

Dear Sir and very Ill. Bro. : The difficulties and troubles Bro. Yates and myself, and a few others, have had to contend with, under the administration

of our Ven. Past Grand Commr., Gourgas and Raymond, have been great. Bro. Gourgas has become aged and almost disgusted with the world, caused by the Anti-Masonic excitement, and the treachery of those he deemed friends and Brothers, and *by the continued efforts of the "Cerneau party" in New York.* Feeling as if all were unworthy, he did all in his power to cripple us and retard the progress of the Rite. The continued grumbling of Bro. Raymond and our Boston friends, at the doings of Bro. Gourgas, and the promise, if they had the power, everything should be done for the welfare and spread of the Rite, induced us to effect a change in the government of the Council. Bros. Christie, Yates, and self, resigned our official stations as Officers of the Sup. Council, retaining our seats as members thereof. Our action caused also Bro. Gourgas to resign, and the post fell to Bro. Raymond. The change has been from bad to almost total ruin. Bro. Raymond has, and would continue to enjoy, the honors, but has ever been unwilling, or unable, to fulfill the many duties of his high station. If decrees or resolutions have been passed by the Council, they have not been carried into effect. The reason for his not doing so, has been sickness, or the want of time to attend to the duty. The Bodies of the Rite have, year after year, prayed the Supreme Council for some Rules and Regulations for their government. The matter has been delayed to "*give Bro. Raymond time to examine the old Constitutions.*" Finding revolution would be the result of further delay, he requested me to prepare a full Code of Laws for the "*Government of the Supreme Council, and for the Bodies under it, and report at the May Meeting of 1860.*"

I consulted the old members of the Council, and of the Order, and Bro. Moore (one of the Committee), and submitted the matter to Bro. Raymond at that meeting. He then informed me he was not ready to report, as he wished to examine the Old Constitutions, and claiming the right as Chairman to withhold the Report. Bro. Moore and self being a majority of the Committee, determined to make the report; to prevent our doing so, the M. P. Grand Commander would not open the Council.

Previous to the removal of the Council to Boston, they passed an order for the organization of a Sov. Cons. of Sub. B. of the R. S. Bro. Raymond, upon taking his seat as M. P. Sov. Gr. Com., would not permit its organization. In place of it, he resolved the Sup. Council into a Sov. Consistory, and invited the bodies of the Jurisdiction to send three delegates to it, the M. P. Gr. Comm. and officers of the Sup. Council, *presiding thereat.* In that irregular and unconstitutional body, without form, Rules, or Regulations, we transacted our business, and conferred degrees, etc. In May, 1860, our Princes of the R. S. were in open *revolt*, and ready for rebellion, unless something was done for them. A majority of the Sup. Council took the matter in hand, and carried a resolution for the immediate organization of a Sov. Cons. of Sub. Pr. of the R. S., with power to elect its own officers. The Princes present gladly accepted the order, and organized as such by electing E. T. Carson, of Cincinnati, as President. The Sup. Council were called upon to approve of the doings of the Sov. Consistory, which was necessary to make their work valid. Bro. Raymond refused to take action in the matter, by it killing the organization of the Consistory. That Sovereign Consistory had no power given to it that would in any way

interfere with the Sup. Council. Bro. Raymond claims to act, and walk, in all cases, by the old Constitutions, which, he says, gives him *absolute* power to rule—that he (not the Sup. Council) represents Frederick of Prussia, with Sovereign power, to *make*, or *unmake*, or elevate those he may want, to the high grades of 32d and 33d degrees, without any action of the Sup. Council, with power to open and close the Council at pleasure; cut off the members of the Sup. Council, if he deems it advisable so to do; remove its officers and fill their places. * * *

Yours very truly and fraternally, &c.,

K. H. VAN RENSSELAER.

This Letter of ILL. BRO. K. H. VAN RENSSELAER, gives a fuller view of the causes of the dissension in the Gourgas Council than anything we could give relating to it.

The Record of the Supreme Council, known as the "Cerneau-Hayes" Council, whose Grand East was at New York, will now be taken up.

Notwithstanding the fierce and persistent opposition practiced by the Sup. Gr. Council of the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction against it in the way of Edicts, Denunciations, and Official Addresses, in which the body itself was declared to be Spurious, Illegitimate, etc., the Council had been continued in a peaceful and orderly manner, vastly increasing its influence, its membership, and its subordinate bodies in the different States, to the astonishment of those who had taken so much pains to belittle its members, and prejudice the Masonic world against its authenticity. Within a year or two previous to this date, its M. P. Sov. Gr. Commander, HENRY C. ATWOOD, had been removed by death, and had named his successor, under date of May 14, 1858, in the person of ILL. BRO. EDMUND B. HAYES, then Ill. Lieut. Gr. Commander. At the present meeting, October 1st, 1860, the document was read, acknowledged, ordered to be endorsed upon the back, and signed by each member of the Supreme Council, and a copy of the same, with the endorsement, inserted in full in the records of the Sup. Gr. Council.

P R O C E E D I N G S.

1860.

*From the East of the Supreme Grand Council of the Most Pui-
sant Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third
and last degree for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish
Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Jurisdiction
of the Western Hemisphere.*

V A L L E Y O F N E W Y O R K ,

Under the C.:C.:near the B.:B.:, answering 40° 42' 40" N. L.
and 2° 51' 0" E. L., Meridian of Washington City.

At our Grand Council Chamber, a Sacred Asylum, where reigns

U N I O N . : . C O N T E N T M E N T . : . W I S D O M . : .

The Supreme Grand Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third and last degree was opened with the usual ceremonies, this the fifteenth day of the seventh masonic month called Tishri, Anno Hebraico, 5621, Anno Lucis 5860, Anno Dis. 2390, Anno Ord. 742, answering to the first day of October, 5860, and of the Christian Era one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

On motion, the reading of the Tribune of the last meeting of this Supreme Council was dispensed with.

The appointment of our Ill.:Lieut.:Grand Commander, Thrice Ill.:Bro.:EDMUND B. HAYES, to the office of M.:P.:Sov.:Grand Commander of this Supreme Grand Council, by our late M.:P.:Sov.:Grand Commander, T.:M.:Ill.:Bro.:HENRY C. ATWOOD, was read and acknowledged, and ordered to be endorsed on the back and signed by each member of the Supreme Council, and a copy of the same and the endorsement inserted in full in the Tribune of the Supreme Grand Council.

T. T. G. O. T. G. A. O. T. U.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND COMMANDER OF THE SUPREME GRAND COUNCIL OF SOVEREIGN
GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL, 33°, ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE.

VALLEY OF NEW YORK, May 14, 1858.

To all those to whom these Letters shall come,

GREETING :

Know ye, that I, HENRY C. ATWOOD, S. G. I. G., 33°, and M. P. Sov. Grand Commander of the Supreme Grand Council of the thirty-third degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Western Hemisphere, sitting in the Valley of New York, State of New York, North America, do by these presents make known and establish that, by the powers transmitted to me by the Most Illustrious and Most Puissant DE WITT CLINTON (formerly Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Grand Council,) dated February 7, 1828, do hereby appoint and constitute our Most Illustrious Chief EDMUND B. HAYES, Esq., S. G. I. G., 33°, P. M. P. G. Visitor of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, P. G. Lecturer of St. Johns Grand Lodge, P. H. P., and the present Ill. Deputy Grand Commander of this Supreme Grand Council, as successor to the station of M. P. Sov. Grand Commander of this Supreme Grand Council, with all the powers thereunto belonging.

Given under my hand and private seal this, the first day of the masonic month called Sivan, 5618, corresponding to the fourteenth day of May, of the Christian era, 1858.

(Signed,)

HENRY C. ATWOOD,

[L.S.]

*Sov. P. R. S. G. I. G. 33°, and M. P. Sov. Grand Commander
of the Supreme Grand Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the
Western Hemisphere.*

ENDORSEMENT.

We, the undersigned, Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and members of the Supreme Grand Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the Western Hemisphere, sitting in the Valley of New York, do hereby certify, pronounce and proclaim over our several signatures, that we have perused the written document purporting to be the appointment of our Thrice Illustrious Brother EDMUND B. HAYES, 33°, S. G. I. G., &c., to the position and station of M. P. Sov. Grand Commander of this our Supreme Grand Council by our late M. P. Sov. Grand Commander, Thrice Illustrious Brother HENRY C. ATWOOD, 33°, as his legitimate and lawful successor in said office, and we further, on our individual honor as men, and by all the obligations we have taken as masons, certify and declare that we are well acquainted with the signature and seal of our late M. P. Sov. Grand Commander, HENRY C. ATWOOD, and believe the same to have been signed and affixed by him. We also certify that by the rules and signatures of the Order and the Ancient Constitutions, our late M. P. Sov. Grand Commander, HENRY C. ATWOOD, had full power and lawful right to name as his successor in office our Thrice Illustrious Brother EDMUND B. HAYES, 33°, as M. P. Sov. Grand Com-

mander of the Supreme Grand Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the Western Hemisphere, sitting in the Valley of New York, and hereby tender to him, as such, our homage and obedience to all his legal edicts and commands.

Done at our Grand East in the Valley of New York, this, the twenty-first day of the seventh masonic month called Tishri, 5621, corresponding to the E. V. the eighth day of October, 1860.

(Signed,)

_____, 33°,

Ill. Lieutenant Grand Commander.

GEO. L. OSBORNE, 33°,

Grand Chancellor, Grand Secretary General of the H. E.

_____, 33°,

Grand Orator, Minister of State.

ROBERT E. ROBERTS, 33°,

Grand Treasurer.

_____, 33°,

Grand Keeper of Seals.

HOPKINS THOMPSON, 33°,

Grand Master of Ceremonies.

_____, 33°,

Grand Standard Bearer.

_____, 33°,

Grand Captain of Guard.

On motion, the next meeting of this Supreme Grand Council was ordered to be held on Monday evening next, October 8, 1860.

No other business appearing, the Grand Council was closed by the mysterious numbers.

GEORGE L. OSBORNE, 33°,

S. . . . P. . . R. . . ✕, Gr. . . Chancellor, Gr. . . Sec. . . Gen. . . of the H. . . E. .

EDMUND B. HAYES, 33°.

S. . P. . R. . ✕, M. . P. . Sov. . Grand Commander.

MONDAY, October 8, 1860.

The Supreme Grand Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third and last degree was opened with the usual ceremonies, this, the twenty-second day of the seventh masonic month called Tishri, A. H. 5621, A. L. 5860, A. D. 2390, A. O. 742, answering to the eighth day of October, 5860, and of the Christian Era, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

On motion, the reading of the Tribune of the last meeting was dispensed with.

On motion,

Resolved, That the G. . C. . G. . S. . G. . O. . T. . H. . E. . be empowered to procure a suitable book to contain the records of this Grand Council, and such stationery as he may from time to time deem necessary.

Resolved, That he be directed to draft suitable resolutions to be presented to the widow of our late M. . P. . Sov. . Grand Commander HENRY C. ATWOOD, expressive of the feelings of this Grand Council, to be signed by himself and the M. . P. . Sov. . Grand Commander, and a copy of the same endorsed in full in the Tribune of this Body.

Resolved, That the G. . C. . G. . S. . G. . O. . T. . H. . E. . be directed to send a notice of the death of our late M. . P. . Sov. . Grand Commander, HENRY C. ATWOOD, and of the appointment of his successor to the same office, our T. . Ill. . Bro. . EDMUND B. HAYES, 33°, to each and every Supreme Grand Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General throughout the world.

Resolved, That each and every officer of this Supreme Grand Council, subscribe the sum of five dollars to defray temporary expenses.

Resolved, That a Committee of Three be appointed to prepare and publish a correct history of this Supreme Grand Council.

Thrice Ill. . Bros. . EDMUND B. HAYES, HOPKINS THOMPSON and GEORGE L. OSBORNE were appointed such committee.

Resolved, That the same committee be appointed to confer with any other Masonic Body, for the purpose of erecting a suitable masonic monument over the remains of our late M. . P. . Sov. . Grand Commander, HENRY C. ATWOOD.

Resolved, That this Supreme Grand Council hold a Lodge of Sorrow to the memory of our late M. . P. . Sov. . Grand Commander, HENRY C. ATWOOD, and the committee before named be empowered to make the necessary arrangement therefor, and to extend an invitation to all Masonic Bodies to participate therein.

DEC. 30th, 1860.—The petition of Sublime Prince JOHN A. LEFFERTS, a member of the Grand Consistory of the State of New York, presented at the last session of the Grand Council, having been favorably considered, on motion of Ill. . Bro. . THOMPSON, this Grand Council confer the thirty-third degree on Sublime Prince JOHN A. LEFFERTS, who, having been fully examined, and proving himself well versed in the preceding degrees, was introduced by the Ill. . Grand Master of Ceremonies, and initiated, constituted, received, and acknowledged and proclaimed as a Deputy Inspector General and an Honorary Member of this Supreme Council, and received the salutations of the Illustrious Brethren.

APRIL 14th, 1861.—The Sublime Prince GUSTAVUS W. SMITH having been fully examined, and proving himself well versed in the preceding degrees, was

introduced by the Grand Master of Ceremonies, and constituted, received, acknowledged and proclaimed a Deputy Grand Inspector General and an Honorary Member of this Supreme Council, and received the salutations of the Ill. Brethren.

APRIL 22d, 1861.—Sublime Princes JOHN C. McARTHUR and WM. BOARD NEWMAN having been fully examined, and proving themselves well skilled in the preceding degrees, were introduced by the Grand Master of Ceremonies and elevated to the dignity, constituted, received, acknowledged and proclaimed as Deputy Inspectors General and Honorary Members of this Supreme Council, and received the salutations of the Ill. Brethren.

The Grand Master of Ceremonies announced Sublime Princes NEHEMIAH PECK, STEPHEN H. HERRIMAN and ABRAM G. LEVY in waiting, and after having been fully examined and proving themselves well versed in the preceding degrees, were introduced and constituted, received, acknowledged and proclaimed as Deputy Inspectors General and Honorary Members of this Supreme Grand Council, and received the salutations of the Brethren.

AUGUST 28th, 1861.—The Grand Master of Ceremonies then announced Sublime Princes WILLIAM FILMER, GEORGE TUCKER, HENRY C. BANKS, PETER M. LANGTON and JAMES R. GARDNER in waiting; and after having been fully examined, and proving themselves well versed in the preceding degrees, they were introduced and constituted, received, acknowledged and proclaimed as Deputy Inspectors General and Honorary Members of the Supreme Grand Council, and received the salutations of the Brethren.

On motion of Ill. Bro. SEYMOUR, there be a committee of three appointed to visit our Ill. Bro. PRINCE NAPOLEON, and tender him an invitation to visit this Supreme Grand Council. Carried.

The M. P. Sov. Grand Commander then appointed Ill. Bros. SEYMOUR, LEVERIDGE and BANKS, said committee.

SEPT. 18th, 1861.—The Ill. Grand Master of Ceremonies then introduced M. P. Past Sov. Grand Commander and Ill. Bro. JOHN W. MULLIGAN, the successor of M. P. Sov. Grand Commander JOSEPH CERNEAU, and the predecessor of the Hon. and Ill. M. P. Sov. Grand Commander DE WITT CLINTON, all of this Supreme Grand Council, who was received in the form and with the honors due his high rank, and seated in the East on the right of the Throne.

The Ill. Grand Master of Ceremonies then announced that Ill. Bro. JOSEPH JENNINGS, S. P. R. S., was in the outer court of this Chamber, and desired to be admitted and receive the thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, who, after being fully examined and proving himself well versed in the preceding degrees, was introduced, and constituted, received, acknowledged and proclaimed a Deputy Inspector General, and an Honorary Member of this Supreme Grand Council, and received the salutations of the Brethren.

The Ill. Bro. HARRY J. SEYMOUR was then installed Inspector General and Ill. Grand Master of Ceremonies.

III. Bro. JOHN W. MULLIGAN then addressed the Supreme Grand Council at some length and in the most happy strain.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1861.

The Supreme Grand Council of the thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite having been regularly called, met in the Council Chamber on the twenty-fifth day of the masonic month Tishri, A. H. 5622, A. L. 5861, A. D. 2391, A. D. 2861, A. O. 743, answering to the thirtieth day of September, 1861, and was opened with the usual ceremonies by the M. P. Sov. Grand Commander, EDMUND B. HAYE, assisted by

S. G. I. G. HOPKINS THOMPSON, *Lieut. Grand Commander*,
 “ D. SICKELS as *Grand Chancellor and Sec. Gen. H. E.*,
 “ ROBERT E. ROBERTS, *Grand Treasurer, H. E.*,
 “ ABRAM G. LEVY, *Grand Minister of State, pro tem.*,
 “ A. J. FISHER, *Grand Marshal, pro tem.*,
 “ HARRY J. SEYMOUR, *Grand Master of Ceremonies*,
 “ JOHN B. EWING, *Grand Standard Bearer*,
 “ PETER NEEFUS, *Grand Captain of the Guard*,

in usual form.

The Ill. Grand Captain of the Guard then announced to the M. P. Sov. Grand Commander that there was waiting in the outer court of this Chamber, Ill. Knights and S. P. of the R. S. JOHN SHEVILLE, JOHN B. HARRIS, ROYAL G. MILLARD and JOHN CAMERON, who had petitioned for and now desired to be admitted into this Grand Council Chamber, and receive the thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

After being fully examined, and proving themselves well versed in the preceding degrees, the S. G. I. G. and Ill. Grand Master of Ceremonies, introduced them. After assuming the duties and responsibilities, and cheerfully conforming to all the requirements of the Order, they were constituted, received, acknowledged and proclaimed Deputy Inspectors General and Honorary Members of this Supreme Grand Council, and received the salutations of the Brethren.

The Grand Captain of the Guard again announced to the M. P. Sov. Grand Commander that S. P. R. S. JOHN J. CRANE and ROBERT D. HOLMES were without, and desirous of being admitted into this Supreme Grand Council Chamber, and to receive the thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. After having been fully examined and found well versed in the preceding degrees, they were introduced by a S. G. I. G., the Ill. Grand Master of Ceremonies, and duly constituted, received, acknowledged and proclaimed Deputy Inspectors General and Honorary Members of this Supreme Grand Council, and received the salutations of the Brethren.

OCT. 29th, 1861.—The following petition was then presented by Ill. Bro. H. J. SEYMOUR, in behalf of the Brethren whose names are thereunto attached :

T.:T.:G.:O.:T.:G.:A.:O.:T.:U.:.

To the M.:P.:Sov.:Grand Commander and the Supreme Council of Sov.:Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite:

VALLEY OF NEW YORK, Oct. 2, 1861.

The undersigned, Princes of Rose Croix and Knights of the Eagle and Pelican, having at heart the advancement, splendor and honor of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, do hereby pray that the charter or warrant of constitution of La Fayette Chapter of Rose Croix, now lying useless, be granted to us, with power to confer the degrees of Knights of the East and Princes of Jerusalem, as well as Knights of the East and West and Knights of the Eagle and Pelican and Princes of Rose Croix, according to the rules, regulations and constitutions of the Ancient and Accepted Rite and the Supreme Council sitting in the Valley of New York; and we name

Prince NEHEMIAH PECK to be the Most Wise and Perfect Master.

“ _____ “ Senior Warden.

“ _____ “ Junior Warden.

“ ROBERT D. HOLMES, “ Grand Orator.

And if our prayer be granted, we cheerfully promise exact obedience to the Rules, Regulations and Constitutions of the Supreme Council, and to exert our efforts to blazon forth the splendor and purity of our beloved Rite. In token of which we here affix our names.

NEHEMIAH PECK,	Dep.:Ins.:Gen.:33°,	Mechanic Lodge, No. 31.		
M. LANGTON,	“ “ “	“ “ “	“ “	“ “
JOSEPH J. JENNINGS,	“ “ “	Key Stone	“ “	272.
W. B. NEWMAN,	“ “ “	Tecumseh	“ “	
J. F. WELLS,	“ “ “	Mechanic	“ “	31.
PETER W. NEEFUS,	“ “ “	Benevolent	“ “	
STEPHEN H. HERRIMAN,	“ “ “	Lebanon	“ “	191.
GEORGE TUCKER,	“ “ “	Key Stone	“ “	235.
CHAS. C. J. BECK,	“ “ “	Mechanic	“ “	31.
JOHN I. CRANE,	“ “ “	Holland	“ “	8.
ROBERT D. HOLMES,	“ “ “	Mystic	“ “	272.
HENRY C. BANKS,	“ “ “	Pacific	“ “	233.
JOHN INNES,	“ “ “	Lebanon	“ “	191.
J. W. EWING,	“ “ “	Manhattan	“ “	
JOHN CAMERON,	“ “ “	Puritan	“ “	
JOHN VANDERBECK, SR.,	“ “ “			
JOHN VANDERBECK, JR.,	“ “ “			
ABRAM G. LEVY,	“ “ “	La Fayette	“ “	64.
ALFRED WOODHAM,	“ “ “	Lebanon	“ “	191.
THOMAS M. WOODS,	“ “ “	Ionic	“ “	
STEPHEN MERRITT, JR.,	“ “ “	Templar	“ “	
E. A. STUART,	“ “ “	32°,		
WILLIAM SHIPSEY,	“ “ “			
JACOB SHIPSEY,	“ “ “			
W. FILMER,	“ “ “	33°, Keystone	“ “	235.
JAMES G. KENT,	“ “ “	Ionic	“ “	

The petition was received, and after due deliberation,

Resolved, That inasmuch as the above mentioned warrant was at this time in possession of certain parties from whom it could not be obtained, and desirous to promote the welfare and happiness of the Brethren and the interest of the Order, that a substitute warrant should be granted, bearing the name of the one petitioned for, and placed in possession of said petitioners.

Nov. 7, 1861.—The M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander announced to the members of the Supreme Council present, that he had appointed the Ill.·Brother and Deputy Inspector General DANIEL SICKELS, to be the Grand Chancellor, Secretary General of the H.·E.·, and Keeper of the Seals and Archives for this Supreme Council; the Ill.·and Deputy Inspector General Brother HENRY C. BANKS, to be the Grand Marshal General for this Supreme Council; and the Ill.·Brother and Deputy Inspector General JOHN INNES to be the Grand Standard Bearer for this Supreme Council.

The Ill.·Bros.·SICKELS, BANKS and INNES were then introduced and regularly and duly installed into the several offices to which they had been respectively appointed.

The Revised Constitution, Statutes and General Regulations of 1861, for the government of all Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Rite throughout this jurisdiction were then adopted, and to be of full force and effect on and after the twenty-seventh day of December, 1861.

Dec. 6th, 1861.—The M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander was then informed that Bro.·JAMES C. BULLIN, of Chicopee, Mass., aged thirty-one years, was desirous of obtaining the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and petitioned this Supreme Council to confer them on him.

The petition being properly recommended and endorsed was, on motion, received, and the prayer of the petitioner granted.

The Ill.·Grand Master of Ceremonies then introduced Bro.·JAMES C. BULLIN, and the M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander, with the assistance of the Ill.·Grand Master of Ceremonies and the officers present, conferred the degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite upon him; and he was duly constituted, received, acknowledged and proclaimed Deputy Inspector General and an Honorary Member of this Supreme Council, and received the salutations of the Brethren.

The following petition was then presented, and recommended by Ill.·Bro.·H. J. SEYMOUR.

T.·T.·G.·O.·T.·G.·A.·O.·T.·U.·

VALLEY OF NEW YORK, Nov. 29, 1861.

To the Supreme Council of the United States of America:

We, the undersigned, being Grand Elect Perfect and Sublime Masons, and having the prosperity of the Ancient and Accepted Rite at heart, and desirous to exert our best endeavors to diffuse and disseminate the true and genuine principles of our Sublime Institution, do most humbly pray that your Ill.·Body will grant unto us letters of dispensation or a warrant of Constitution to open a Grand Lodge of Perfection in the city of New York, to be known

as Temple Grand Lodge of Perfection, with all the rights and privileges of a Grand Lodge of Perfection duly constituted; and your petitioners would respectfully name

Bro. STEPHEN MERRITT, JR.,	to be the first	Thrice Puissant Grand Master,
Bro. A. D. RENTON	“ “	Deputy Grand Master,
Bro. J. H. TAYLOR	“ “	Senior Grand Warden, and
Bro. THO. BARCLAY	“ “	Juniior Grand Warden.

And should your Ill. Body, in its wisdom, grant the prayer of your petitioners, we promise a strict conformity to the Constitutions, Statutes and General Regulations of the Supreme Council of the United States of America, its territories and dependencies, having its Grand East in the Valley of New York.

STEPHEN MERRITT, JR.
A. D. RENTON.
CHAS. H. MORRISON.
WILLIAM HUTCHINSON.
I. McFARLAND.
JOHN SHARON.
GEORGE LEWIS.
GEORGE AITKIN.
NICHOLAS FORNEY.
JAMES ADAIR.

JEREMIAH TAYLOR.
J. MESHUT.
JOS. GRINES.
W. C. TABRINKI.
WILLIAM ALLEN.
I. McLEAN.
WILLIAM WING.
JOHN MOORE.
RICHARD BARTON.
THOS. BARCLAY.

Recommended by Jerusalem Grand Lodge of Perfection, No. 2, with the seal thereof attached.

On motion, the prayer of the petitioners was granted, and the Grand Secretary was directed to issue a warrant and place it in possession of the Brethren named as officers in the petition, said warrant to be No. 3.

JAN. 3d, 1862.—The M. P. Sov. Grand Commander informed the Supreme Council that during its recess he had appointed Ill. Bro. JOHN SHEVILLE, resident of Bergen, N. J., as District Deputy Inspector for the State of New Jersey, and Special Deputy for the State of New York, to act and represent this Supreme Council in and for the States of New York and New Jersey, and to perform all the duties and enjoy all the privileges thereunto belonging, except in the city and county of New York, until otherwise ordered by this Supreme Council. Said appointment was confirmed by the Supreme Council, and the Grand Secretary General directed to furnish Ill. Bro. JOHN SHEVILLE with Letters Patent under the seal of this Supreme Council, to bear date and have effect from and after October 29, 1861.

TRENTON, N. J., January 23, 1862.

The Supreme Grand Council met this day, and was opened in the usual form by the M. P. Sov. Grand Commander.

P R E S E N T.

Ill. EDMUND B. HAYES, *M. P. Sov. Grand Commander.*

HOPKINS, THOMPSON, *P. D. Grand Commander.*

DANIEL SICKELS, *Grand Chancellor, Gr. Sec. Gen. H. E.*

HENRY C. BANKS, *Grand Marshal General.*

HARRY J. SEYMOUR, *Grand Master of Ceremonies.*

JOHN INNES, *Grand Standard Bearer.*

WILLIAM J JARVIS, *Grand Captain of Guards.*

DAVID NAAR, *Emeritus Member.*

THOMAS SATTERTHWAITE, " "

The Grand Secretary General presented a petition in due form, praying for a warrant of Constitution for a Grand Consistory in and for the Sovereign and Independent State of New Jersey, signed by the following Ill.:Brothers, Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, and endorsed and recommended by Ill.:Bro.: JOHN SHEVILLE, District Deputy Inspector General for New Jersey :

THOMAS J. CORSON,

JOHN WOOLVERTON,

WILLIAM T. NICHOLSON,

GEORGE PAINTER,

JOHN NELSON,

WILLIAM R. CLAPP,

AMOS P. HOWELL,

JOSEPH H. HOUGH,

JOHN O'RAUM,

CHARLES BECHTEL,

WILLIAM HEWITT,

JAMES TAYLOR,

JAMES E. EMERSON,

GEORGE B. EDWARDS,

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG,

S. R. TYRRELL,

WILLIAM T. WOODRUFF,

WILLIAM T. STAGG,

REUBEN VAN TASSEL,

WILLIAM PEMBERTON,

JOHN SHEVILLE, 33°,

District Deputy Inspector General.

On motion, the prayer of the petitioners was granted, and the Grand Secretary directed to issue a warrant of Constitution.

Which being done, the Supreme Council ceased its labors as Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, and opened the Sovereign Grand Consistory.

Present—The before mentioned Active and Emeritus Members of Supreme Council, and Deputy Inspectors STEPHEN H. HERRIMAN, GEORGE TUCKER, PHILLIP LANGTON, ALFRED WOODHAM, and District Deputy Inspector General JOHN SHEVILLE.

M.:P.:S.:G.:C.:EDMUND B. HAYES, *acting as P.:Sov.:Gr.:Commander.*

Ill.:S.:G.:I.:G.:THOMAS SATTERTHWAITE, *as 1st Lieut.:Gr.:Commander.*

Ill.:S.:G.:I.:G.:DAVID NAAR, *as 2d Lieut.:Grand Commander.*

Ill.:DANIEL SICKELS, *as Grand Secretary.*

Ill.:HENRY C. BANKS, *as Grand Marshal.*

Ill.:HARRY J. SEYMOUR, *as Grand Master of Ceremonies.*

Ill.:JOHN INNES, *as Grand Hospitaller.*

A Grand Consistory in and for the Sovereign and Independent State of New Jersey was then duly and regularly constituted, and the following officers elected and duly installed :

Ill.:THOMAS J. CORSON, *Commander-in-Chief.*

GEORGE B. EDWARDS, *Deputy Commander-in-Chief.*

JOSEPH H. HOUGH, *1st Lieutenant-Commander.*

WILLIAM T. WOODRUFF, *2d Lieutenant-Commander.*

WILLIAM E. STAGG, Grand Minister of State.
 REUBEN S. VAN TASSEL, Grand Chancellor.
 JOHN WOOLVERTON, Grand Secretary.
 S. R. TYRRELL, Grand Treasurer.
 W. R. CLAPP, Grand Keeper of the Seal.
 WILLIAM ARMSTRONG, Grand Engineer.
 WILLIAM T. NICHOLSON, Grand Hospitaler.
 JAMES E. EMERSON, Grand Master of Ceremonies.
 CHARLES BECHTEL, Grand Captain of the Guard.
 JOHN P. NELSON, Grand Standard Bearer.
 AMOS P. HOWELL, Grand Sentinel.

The Sovereign Grand Consistory was then closed in due form by the Sov.:
 Grand Commander.

FRIDAY, Jan. 24, 1862.

The Sov.:Grand Inspectors General resumed their labor in Supreme Council.

The Ill.:Gr.:Master of Ceremonies then presented Ill.:THOMAS J. CORSON, GEORGE B. EDWARDS, JOHN WOOLVERTON, JOHN MOORE and REUBEN LIGHTHALL, who, having been duly examined in the preceding degrees, and found fully enlightened and qualified, were constituted, received, acknowledged and proclaimed Dep.:Inspectors General and Honorary Members of the Supreme Council, receiving the salutation of the Brethren.

MAY 3d, 1862.—The following Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, were then regularly proposed and duly elected to receive the thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite :

GILBERT NURSE, aged 63 years ; born July 31, 1798, in Massachusetts ; resides in Cambridge, Mass.

BENJAMIN F. NOURSE, aged 48 years ; born February 28, 1814, in Massachusetts ; resides in Cambridge, Mass.

JOHN D. JENNINGS, aged 44 years ; born March 16, 1818, Ireland ; resides in Cambridge, Mass.

ALBION K. P. WELCH, aged 37 years ; born February 20, 1825, Maine ; resides in Cambridge, Mass.

Also, present, Ill.:Dep.:Ins.:Gen.:JAMES R. GARDNER and JAMES C. BULLIN, who assisted in the ceremonies of investing the Sublime Princes with the thirty-third and last degree, and in duly acknowledging and declaring them as such.

BOSTON, MAY 4th, 1862.—The following Brethren were then duly proposed, elected, and by the Ill.:Commander-in-Chief invested with the degrees from the fourth, or Secret Master, to the thirty-first, inclusive, and regularly constituted Grand Inspectors, Inquisitor Commanders, viz. :

Ill.:JOHN K. HALL,
 RICHARD M. BARKER,
 ELIHU BARKER,
 ROBERT LEWIS,
 DAVID WEARE,
 D. BICKFORD,
 WILLIAM F. KNOWLES,

Ill.:WILLIAM P. BUTTERFIELD,
 NICHOLAS HATHAWAY,
 DANIEL W. LAWRENCE,
 JAMES R. BUGBEE,
 LEMUEL D. MUDGE,
 MARK R. SYMONS.

MAY 4, 1862.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Supreme Council met at 6½ o'clock P. M., this 4th day of May, 1862.

Present—Officers and honorary members as before.

The M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander, EDMUND B. HAYES, then addressed the Supreme Council and Ill.·Brethren, stating that he had convened the Supreme Council at that place, at the request of the Ill.·Brethren and Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret residing in the sovereign and independent State of Massachusetts, for the purpose of assisting them to extend and propagate the principles of our beloved institution by constituting a Grand Consistory, with all and full constitutional powers, in and for said State of Massachusetts.

A Consistory was then regularly opened under the auspices of the Supreme Council, when the following Sublime Princes were duly elected as officers for a Grand Consistory :

Ill.·GILBERT NURSE, 33°, Commander-in-chief.

JOHN K. HALL, 32°, Deputy Commander-in-Chief.

RICHARD M. BARKER, 32°, 1st Lieut.·Commander-in-Chief.

WILLIAM F. KNOWLES, 32°, 1st “ “ “

RICHARD S. SPOFFORD, JR., 32d°, Gr.·O.· and Ill.·Min.·of State.

NICHOLAS HATHAWAY, 32°, Grand Chancellor.

ELIHU C. BARKER, 32°, Gr.·Secretary and K.·of the S.·and·A.·.

ALBION K. P. WELCH, 32°, Grand Treasurer.

ROBERT L. DAVIS, 32°, Grand Engineer.

W. D. BICKFORD, 32°, Grand Hospitaler.

JAMES R. GARDNER, 33°, Grand Master of Ceremonies.

JAMES R. BUGBEE, 32°, Grand Captain of the Guards.

DANIEL W. LAWRENCE, 32°, Grand Sentinel.

The M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander then directed the Ill.·Grand Secretary to prepare the proper authority for constituting a Grand Consistory.


The warrant being duly prepared and signed by the officers of the Supreme Council, sealed with the private seal of the M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander and of the Order, and attested with the seal of the Ill.·Grand Chancellor, Grand Secretary General H.·E., Keeper of the Seals and Archives, the M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander proceeded to constitute a Grand Consistory in and for the sovereign and independent State of Massachusetts and to install its officers.

MAY 31ST, 1862.—The M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander stated that he had appointed Ill.·Deputy Inspector General JAMES R. GARDNER, of Massachusetts, a Special Deputy for that State.

On motion of Ill.·Bro.·LEVERIDGE, the acts of the Grand Commander in said appointment were approved.

JUNE 7th, 1862.—The M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander then stated that since the last meeting of this Body, on application, he had conferred the degrees, from the fourth to the thirty-second, inclusive, on PEARSON MUNDY, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of this State, which act was, on motion, confirmed.

JUNE 17th, 1862.—The Ill.·Grand Master of Ceremonies then presented Sublime Princes HARRISON S. VINING and JOHN MONROE, who were duly invested, and acknowledged and proclaimed Deputy Inspectors General of the thirty-third degree, and Honorary Members of this Supreme Council.

An application from Ill.·Bro.·CLINTON F. PAIGE, for authority to confer the degrees from fourth to eighteenth, inclusive, on a sufficient number of Brethren to enable them to establish a Lodge of Perfection, Council of Princes of Jerusalem and Chapter of Rose , was then read by the Grand Commander, and, on motion, the Grand Commander was requested to furnish the necessary authority.

A communication was then read from Ill.·Bro.·JAMES R. GARDNER, tendering his resignation as Special Deputy for the State of Massachusetts, which after some discussion was, on motion, disposed of by directing the Grand Secretary to return it to Bro.·GARDNER, with the wishes of this Supreme Council that he would continue to serve in that position.

OCT. 29th, 1862.—Ill.·Bro.·HARRY J. SEYMOUR, Grand Master of Ceremonies, then introduced Ill.·Princes JOTHAM POST, GEORGE F. WOODWARD, Charles A. RAPALLO, ALDEMOUR W. KING, ROBERT G. REMSON and HORACE S. TAYLOR, who were invested, acknowledged and proclaimed Deputy Inspectors General of the thirty-third degree and Honorary Members of this Supreme Council.

Ill.·Bro.·H. J. SEYMOUR made a verbal statement of his visit to Europe, when Ill.·Bro.·HOLMES offered the following resolution, which was adopted, *mem. con.*

Resolved, That the thanks of this Supreme Council are unanimously due to Ill.·Bro.·HARRY J. SEYMOUR for his arduous and judicious services in France, Scotland and England, in behalf of this Supreme Council and of Ancient Scottish Rite in North America.

It was also ordered that the same be entered in full on the minutes, and a copy engrossed with the seal of the Supreme Council attached, be presented to Ill.·Bro.·SEYMOUR.

On motion, a vote of thanks was passed to MARCONIS DE NEGRE for kindness and courtesies to Ill.·Bro.·SEYMOUR in his late visit to Paris.

JAN. 19th, 1863.—The Committee on the Condition of the A.·and A.·Rite, made the following report :

“The Committee on the Condition of the A.·and A.·Rite would most respectfully beg leave to report —

That the party known as the Raymond Body, of Boston, have lately proposed, in their individual capacities and by official resolution, suggestions looking to the merging in and association with this Supreme Council, bringing with them documents, properties and everything appertaining to their organization.

Your committee, on invitation, met those gentlemen in social and friendly converse on these important subjects, and were treated in the most cordial and hospitable manner, and have arrived at the conclusion that the best interests of this Supreme Council would be subserved by an immediate solution

of the matters in question, which shall be alike just to the original authority of this Supreme Council, and the dignity of the gentlemen with whom the conference has been had.

Your committee therefore recommend that they, or some other committee, be empowered to act in the premises.

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

EDMUND B. HAYES, }
DANIEL SICKELS, } *Committee.*

Which was, on motion, received, and the recommendation adopted, and Ill. Bro. HENRY C. BANKS added to said committee, making the committee consist of M. P. EDMUND B. HAYES, Ill. DANIEL SICKELS and HENRY C. BANKS.

Ill. Bro. HENRY C. BANKS read the following communication from France to this Supreme Council, and directed to him as Acting Secretary General of the Supreme Council of the thirty-third degree.

GRAND CENTRAL LODGE OF FRANCE,

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE,

Very Ill. Brother:—

PARIS, December 5, 1862.

On my return from a long sojourn in my native land, I have had the pleasure to find your honorable letter of the twenty-seventh of September, with the patent, which accredits me your Representative of the Supreme Council of the United States of North America, at New York, near the Supreme Council of France, to which I have the honor to belong. In order to be your Representative near the Supreme Council of France, it is necessary that your Puissant Grand Commander, the very Illustrious Brother, EDMUND B. HAYES, address a letter to our Grand Master, the very Illustrious Brother, F. VIENNET, who resides at number 18, Rue Godot Monroy, Paris, stating to him that in consequence of the death of the COUNT DE ST. LAURENT, you have selected me to replace him. In this manner the thing is regularly done and formally complied with.

At your suggestion, I will procure one of your colleagues to represent us with you.

Our Very Puissant Grand Commander, Grand Master VIENNET, is a brave old man of eighty-four years, a good mason, a good brother; in fine, he has all the good qualities of an estimable man.

I thank you sincerely for the distinguished honor you have conferred on me in naming me your Grand Representative, and you may rest assured that I will respond loyally to the confidence you have reposed in me, for my desire is, that the masonic ties, which ought to unite the Brethren scattered in the two hemispheres, be drawn closer and closer.

I pray you to take note of the error in my name which the patent bears. My name is the BARON AUGUSTE HUGO DE BULOW, and not ALFRED.

Accept, very Illustrious Brother, my high consideration and fraternal salutation.

Your devoted Brother and friend,

LE BARON AUGUSTE HUGO DE BULOW.

Rue Rivoli 24, Paris.

Which was, on motion, received and ordered to be entered on the minutes in full, and the M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander requested to conduct the necessary correspondence.

NEW YORK, April 15, 1863.

The Supreme Grand Council met this day, and was opened in the usual form by the M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander, EDMUND B. HAYES, assisted by

III.·DANIEL SICKELS, *Gr.·Sec.·Gen.·H.·E.·*

ROBERT E. ROBERTS, *Grand Treasurer General H.·E.·*

HENRY C. BANKS, *Grand Marshal General H.·E.·*

JOHN INNES, *Grand Standard Bearer.*

The reading of the Balustre of the last session was dispensed with by the M.·Sov.·Grand Commander.

The committee appointed at the last session to act in the premises of negotiating a union with the Body known as the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted; that they had conferred with the Body before mentioned, and agreed upon the following.

ARTICLES OF CONSOLIDATION.

Adopted and consummated by and between the Supreme Council, thirty-third and last degree, for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, sitting at Boston, of the one part, and the Supreme Grand Council, thirty-third and last degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the United States of America, their territories and dependencies, sitting at New York, of the other part.

Whereas, The said parties, in their individual and sovereign capacities, being mutually desirous of advancing the interests of masonry within the jurisdiction, and wishing to consolidate the authorities therein under one governing head, have clothed their representatives with full and perfect powers to that end, who, in the name of said parties, have agreed, consented, provided and ordained, and do by these presents agree, consent, provide and ordain, as follows :

1st. The said Supreme Councils are, by virtue hereof, consolidated under the name of the Supreme Grand Council, thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the United States of America, their territories and dependencies, sitting at New York.

2d. III.·Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, heretofore created by either of the parties hereto, shall be recognized upon taking the oath of fealty to the Supreme Council for the United States of America, &c.

3d. All Subordinate Bodies hailing under either of the parties hereto, are to be duly acknowledged and recognized upon taking the oath of fealty to the said Supreme Council for the United States of America, etc., and new warrants may be granted, or the existing ones properly endorsed, as the said Bodies respectively may elect.

4th. All properties, of whatever name, kind and description, belonging to the parties hereto, or either of them, are hereby declared to be vested in the

said Supreme Council for the United States of America, etc., and will be delivered accordingly to the Grand Secretary General thereof.

5th. Until otherwise ordered, the Constitutions and General Regulations of the second party hereto, are hereby adopted and declared in full force for the government of the consolidated body herein provided for.

6th. The number of Active Members of said Council is hereby increased to seventeen (creating eight new offices), and the officers of the said Consolidated Council, *ad vitam*, shall be as follows :

III. EDMUND B. HAYES, M. P. . Sov. . Grand Commander.

EDWARD A. RAYMOND, Sov. . Assistant Grand Commander.

SIMON W. ROBINSON, 1st Lieutenant Grand Commander.

HOPKINS THOMPSON, 2d " " "

———, Grand Orator.

GEORGE M. RANDALL, Grand Minister of State.

LUCIUS R. PAIGE, Grand Chancellor.

DANIEL SICKELS, Grand Secretary General H. . E. .

ROBERT E. ROBERTS, Grand Treasurer General H. . E. .

HENRY C. BANKS, Grand Marshal General H. . E. .

AARON P. HUGHES, Grand Sword Bearer.

HARRY J. SEYMOUR, 1st Grand Master of Ceremonies.

CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN, 2d Grand Master of Ceremonies.

PETER LAWSON, Grand Introductor.

JOHN INNES, Grand Standard Bearer.

WILLIAM FIELD, 1st Grand Captain of Guard.

WILLIAM H. JARVIS, 2d Grand Captain of Guard.

7th. The Emeritus position of Sov. . Assistant Grand Commander is conferred on III. EDWARD A. RAYMOND, in recognition of his long and distinguished services in the Rite.

In testimony of all which, EDWARD A. RAYMOND, GEORGE M. RANDALL and LUCIUS R. PAIGE, on behalf of said first party, and EDMUND B. HAYES, DANIEL SICKELS and HENRY C. BANKS, on behalf of said second party, have hereunto set their hands and seals interchangeably, for the uses and purposes hereinbefore expressed.

Done at the city of Boston, this seventh day of February, A. D. 1863.

EDWARD A. RAYMOND. [L. s.]

GEO. M. RANDALL. [L. s.]

LUCIUS R. PAIGE. [L. s.]

EDMUND B. HAYES. [L. s.]

DANIEL SICKELS. [L. s.]

HENRY C. BANKS. [L. s.]

The following Illustrious Brethren were then introduced : SIMON W. ROBINSON, GEORGE M. RANDALL, AARON P. HUGHES, PETER LAWSON and WILLIAM FIELD.

The M. P. . Sov. . Grand Commander, EDMUND B. HAYES, then installed the officers of the Supreme Council as follows :

III. EDWARD A. RAYMOND, Assistant Sovereign Grand Commander.

SIMON W. ROBINSON, 1st Lieutenant Grand Commander.

HOPKINS THOMPSON, 2d Lieut Grand Commander.

—————, Grand Orator.

GEORGE M. RANDALL, Grand Minister of State.

LUCIUS R. PAIGE, Grand Chancellor.

DANIEL SICKELS, Grand Secretary General H.·E.·;

ROBERT E. ROBERTS, Grand Treasurer General H.·E.·.

HENRY C. BANKS, Grand Marshal General.

AARON P. HUGHES, Grand Sword Bearer.

H. J. SEYMOUR, 1st Grand Master of Ceremonies.

CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN, 2d Grand Master of Ceremonies.

PETER LAWSON, Grand Expert Introducer.

JOHN INNES, Grand Standard Bearer.

WILLIAM FIELD, 1st Grand Captain of the Guard.

WILLIAM H. JARVIS, 2d Grand Captain of the Guard.

Ill.·Bro.·HENRY C. BANKS, as Grand Orator, then made a brief but eloquent address on the history and usefulness of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

On motion, a committee was then appointed to take into consideration alterations and amendments to Constitutions, consisting of Ill.·Bro.·E. B. HAYES, A. P. HUGHES, PETER LAWSON, HENRY C. BANKS and DANIEL SICKELS.

On motion, the Supreme Council adjourned until Thursday, the sixteenth instant, at two o'clock, P. M.

DANIEL SICKELS,

Gr.·Sec.·Gen.·H.·E.·.

In order that the reader may more clearly understand the history, we will return to the Gourgas-Raymond Council, bringing it up to 1863.

After the Council was fully organized, it consisted of the following officers, etc. :

M.·P.·EDWARD A. RAYMOND, Boston, (P. G. M.) Sov.·Grand Commander *ad vitam*.

P.·SIMON W. ROBINSON, Lexington, (P. G. M.) Lieut.·Grand Commander.

Ill.·PETER LAWSON, Lowell, (P. D. D. G. M.) Grand Treasurer Gen.·H.·E.·.

Ill.·LUCIUS R. PAIGE, Cambridgeport, (P. D. G. M.) Grand Secretary Gen.·H.·E.·.

Ill.·GEORGE M. RANDALL, D. D., Boston, (P. G. M.) Grand Minister of State.

Ill.·CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN, New York, Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Ill.·WILLIAM FIELD, Providence, R. I., (P. G. M.) Grand Captain L.·G.·.

Ill.·WILLIAM B. HUBBARD, Columbus, Ohio, (P. G. M.) Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°.

Ill.·J. J. J. GOURGAS, New York, (P. S. G. C.) *Emeritus*, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°.

Ill.·AARON P. HUGHES, Nashua, N. H., (G. M.) Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Deputy for New Hampshire.

Deputies have also been designated, and will be forthwith commissioned and qualified, to wit :

Ill.·CHARLES S. WESTCOTT, New York, for New York.

Ill.·JOHN A. FOSTER, New York, for New Jersey.

Ill.·E. T. CARSON, Cincinnati, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33^d, resides within this jurisdiction, and is understood to remain loyal to this Supreme Grand Council.

JULY 12th, 1861.—Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the Supreme Grand Council at its last Annual Session, Ill.·AARON P. HUGHES, S.·P.·R.·S.·, of Nashua, N. H., (Grand Master of New Hampshire,) was advanced to the eminent degree of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Ill.·CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN was admitted, by unanimous vote, as an Active Member of the Supreme Grand Council.

Ill.·SIMON W. ROBINSON resigned the office of Grand Treasurer Gen.·H.·E.·, and his resignation was accepted.

Ill.·PETER LAWSON resigned the office of Grand Master of Ceremonies, and his resignation was accepted.

The M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander appointed and installed Ill.·PETER LAWSON as Grand Treasurer Gen.·H.·E.·.

The M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander appointed and installed Ill.·CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN as Grand Master of Ceremonies.

The M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander announced the appointment of Ill.·AARON P. HUGHES to the office of Deputy for the State of New Hampshire.

The eminent degree of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, was granted by unanimous vote to Ill.·CHARLES S. WESTCOTT, S.·P.·R.·S.·, of New York ; and the Sovereign Grand Commander was requested to confer the same at his convenience, and to appoint the said Ill.·Bro.·WESTCOTT to the office of Deputy for the State of New York.

The eminent degree of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, was granted by unanimous vote to Ill.·JOHN A. FOSTER, S.·P.·R.·S.·, of New York ; and the Sovereign Grand Commander was requested to confer the same at his convenience, and to appoint the said Ill.·Bro.·FOSTER to the office of Deputy for the State of New Jersey.

AUGUST 30th, 1861.—Pursuant to a unanimous vote of the Supreme Grand Council, passed at its special communication on the twelfth day of July last, Ill.·JOHN A. FOSTER, S.·P.·R.·S.·, of New York, was advanced to the eminent degree of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

The M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander announced the appointment of Ill.·JOHN A. FOSTER to the office of Deputy for the State of New Jersey.

Nov. 19th, 1861.—Agreeably to a vote passed unanimously at its session on the twelfth day of July last, Ill.·CHARLES S. WESTCOTT, S.·P.·R.·S.·, of New York, was advanced to the eminent degree of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

The M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander announced the appointment of Ill.·CHARLES S. WESTCOTT, of New York, to the office of Deputy for New York.

Nov. 21st, 1861.—*Ordered*, That, a circular be published and promulgated, giving the evidence of the expulsion of JOSEPH CERNEAU, by the Grand Orient of France, for having attempted to establish spurious Bodies in the A.·and A.·Rite in the United States of America; and that the said circular contain the proofs of the organization and regular continuance of this Supreme Grand Council up to the present time; and that Ill.·Bros.·CHARLES S. WESTCOTT, CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN, PETER LAWSON, JAMES M. AUSTIN and AARON P HUGHES be a committee to prepare said circular, and report the same to the M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander, and that, upon his approval, the same be promulgated.

Nov. 21st, 1861.—Charges were presented by Ill.·JOHN A. FOSTER against Ill.·K. H. VAN RENSSELAER and Ill.·CHARLES W. MOORE; and the M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander was requested to assign the time and place for action thereon, and to cause the parties to be duly notified.

Ill.·PETER LAWSON proposed Ill.·JOHN L. LEWIS, JR., S.·P.·R.·S.·, of Penn Yan, N. Y., as a candidate to receive the thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

NOTICE.

JAN. 22d, 1862.—The Supreme Grand Council S.·G.·I.·G.·, 33°, for the N.·J.· of the U. S. A., will hold a special meeting at No. 8 West Chester Park, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, the 8th day of January instant, at ten o'clock, A. M., to take such action as shall be judged proper in regard to certain publications which have recently been circulated, and to transact any other business which may be legally presented. Also the said Supreme Grand Council will hold a special meeting at the Winthrop House, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, the 22d day of January instant, at ten o'clock A. M., to investigate and act upon certain charges presented against Ill.·K. H. VAN RENSSELAER and Ill.·CHARLES W. MOORE, and to transact any other business which may be legally presented. By order of the M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander.

LUCIUS R. PAIGE, *Gr.·Sec.·Gen.·H.·E.·*

Cambridgeport, January 1, 1862.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, Jan. 22, 1862.

The Supreme Grand Council was called to order by the M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander. Present, as in the morning.

The special subject assigned for consideration at this meeting was taken up; and the following charges against Ill.·K. H. VAN RENSSELAER, together with the summons and certificate, were read by the Grand Secretary General:

To the Supreme Grand Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third degree, for the Northern Jurisdiction of North America.

The undersigned prays that your Illustrious Body will investigate the following charges against KILLIAN H. VAN RENSSELAER, 33°, and that such action may be taken in regard to the same as may seem proper :

CHARGES :

First.—That said K. H. VAN RENSSELAER has attempted to destroy this Supreme Council, and to establish a spurious and clandestine Supreme Council, arrogating to itself the name and powers of this Supreme Council.

Second.—That he has assumed the name and attempted to exercise the powers and functions of Lieutenant Grand Commander of the H. . E. .

Third.—That he has presided over the said spurious Supreme Council, pretending to assume the powers of this Supreme Council.

Fourth.—That, while presiding over said spurious Council, he has assisted in creating Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, 33°, in an unlawful and unconstitutional manner.

Fifth.—That, while presiding in said spurious Council, he has, in a most unconstitutional, insolent and outrageous manner, presumed to try and depose the Sovereign Grand Commander of this Supreme Council and the Grand Treasurer General of the H. . E. ., and proceeded to fill their places.

Sixth.—That he has granted dispensations to Ineffable Bodies, empowering them to work, in a clandestine manner, thereby assuming the powers of the Sovereign Grand Commander.

Seventh.—That he has caused to be published and has circulated the Proceedings of such spurious Council, declaring it to be THE Supreme Grand Council of this jurisdiction.

Eighth.—That after his removal from the position of Deputy of Ohio, he has continued to exercise all his former powers.

Ninth.—That he has received the sum of five hundred and twenty-five dollars from Ill. . Bro. . LAWSON, employing him, as his agent, to purchase certain books, papers and pamphlets from Ill. . Bro. . J. J. J. GOURGAS, Most Puissant Past Grand Commander ; that he purchased said papers and documents from Ill. . Bro. . GOURGAS ; but that he has refused to deliver up to Bro. . LAWSON said papers and documents, and has *fraudulently* appropriated them to his own use and possession.

Tenth.—That he has collected moneys from Ineffable Masons and Ineffable Masonic Bodies as Deputy, which moneys he has appropriated to his own use, and has never made return of the same to this Supreme Council.

Eleventh.—That he has used his official position as a means of raising and obtaining money for his own use, to the great scandal of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in this jurisdiction.

Twelfth.—That his character has always been bad, and disreputable ; and that it was by the concealment of such character that he was enabled to obtain the Ineffable degrees.

JOHN A. FOSTER,

New York, July 11, 1861.

Kt. . R. . †. ., K-D-H. ., S. . P. . R. . S. .

To Ill. K. H. VAN RENSSELAER :

The foregoing charges having been duly presented against you, and the Supreme Grand Council having entertained the same, and having requested the M. P. Sov. Grand Commander to assign the time and place for action thereon, the M. P. Sov. Grand Commander has assigned Wednesday, the twenty-second day of January, A. D., 1862, at ten o'clock A. M., as the time, and the Winthrop House, in the city of Boston, Mass., as the place, for the investigation of said charges and adjudication thereon by the Supreme Grand Council ; at which time and place you are hereby summoned to appear, to make answer to said charges, and to show cause, if any you have, why judgment should not be pronounced against you.

DEUS MEUMQUE JUS.

By order of the M. P. Sov. Grand Commander,

LUCIUS R. PAIGE, 33°,

Gr. Sec. Gen. H. E.

CAMBRIDGEPORT, January 1, 1862.

I certify that on this first day of January, A. D. 1862, I deposited in the Post Office at Cambridgeport, Mass, a package, containing an attested copy of the within written charges, and an original summons, of which the foregoing is a true copy, addressed to " K. H. VAN RENSSELAER, Cambridge, Ohio."

Attest :

LUCIUS R. PAIGE, 33°,

Gr. Sec. Gen. H. E.

Ill. K. H. VAN RENSSELAER was thrice called to appear and make answer to the foregoing charges, but made default. Evidence was then heard in support of said charges ; and after a full consideration, the question was taken in the ancient form, and the said K. H. VAN RENSSELAER was unanimously adjudged guilty of the offences set forth in the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and ninth charges. No witnesses were present to substantiate the eighth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth charges, and said charges were not sustained.

On motion of the P. Lieut. Grand Commander, the following preamble and decree were unanimously adopted, the same form in voting being observed :

Whereas, Ill. K. H. VAN RENSSELAER, of Cambridge, Ohio, has been adjudged guilty of the several offences set forth in the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and ninth charges presented by Ill. JOHN A. FOSTER, it is therefore unanimously

Resolved, and Decreed, That said K. H. VAN RENSSELAER be and he is hereby expelled from all the rights and privileges of the A. and A. Rite.

The following charges against Ill. CHARLES W. MOORE, together with the summons and certificate, were read by the Grand Secretary General :

To the Supreme Grand Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, 33°, Ancient and Accepted Rite, for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States.

I do hereby prefer charges against Bro. CHARLES W. MOORE, a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, and pray that the same may be investigated, and he be dealt with as required by our Ancient Constitution and Regulations.

CHARGES.

First.—Said CHARLES W. MOORE did conspire with KILLIAN H. VAN RENSSELAER (a Deputy Grand Inspector General) and with others to organize and establish a spurious and clandestine Body, which called itself the Supreme Grand Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

Second.—That said CHARLES W. MOORE did conspire with said VAN RENSSELAER and others to elect officers of their said spurious Body, and claimed that such officers were the officers of the constitutional Supreme Grand Council.

Third.—That said CHARLES W. MOORE did conspire with said VAN RENSSELAER and others to publish two documents purporting to be the Proceedings of the Supreme Grand Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, when they were in fact the Proceedings of said clandestine and spurious Body.

Fourth.—That said CHARLES W. MOORE did conspire with said VAN RENSSELAER and others to use, and did use, the seal of the Supreme Grand Council (surreptitiously in their possession) upon documents emanating from said spurious and clandestine Body.

Fifth.—That said CHARLES W. MOORE, with said KILLIAN H. VAN RENSSELAER and others, did, in a clandestine and unlawful manner, confer the degree of Sovereign Grand Inspector General on various persons, namely, A. B. THOMPSON, W. S. GARDNER, WINSLOW LEWIS, N. H. GOULD, A. E. STOCKER, H. A. JOHNSON, GEORGE W. DEERING and WILLIAM PARKMAN, as in the printed Proceedings of said spurious Body is more fully set forth.

Sixth.—That said CHARLES W. MOORE, conspiring with said VAN RENSSELAER and others, did unlawfully and illegally detain and appropriate to the use of said spurious Body certain documents and archives which are in fact the property of the Supreme Grand Council.

Seventh.—That in all the aforesaid acts the said CHARLES W. MOORE has violated his obligations as a Sovereign Grand Inspector General.

JOHN A. FOSTER, *Sov.·Gr·Ins·Gen·33°*,

New York, Nov. 20, 1861.

Deputy for the State of New Jersey.

To Ill·. CHARLES W. MOORE :

The foregoing charges having been duly presented against you, and the Supreme Grand Council having entertained the same, and having requested the M·P·Sov·Grand Commander to assign the time and place for action thereon, the M·P·Sov·Grand Commander has assigned Wednesday, the twenty-second day of January, A. D. 1862, at ten o'clock A. M., as the time, and the Winthrop House, in Boston, as the place, for the investigation of said charges and adjudication thereon by the Supreme Grand Council; at which time and place you are hereby summoned to appear, to make answer to said charges, and to show cause, if any you have, why judgment should not be pronounced against you.

DEUS MEUMQUE JUS.

By order of the M·P·Sov·Grand Commander.

LUCIUS R. PAIGE, 33°,

Gr·Sec·Gen·H·E·.

CAMBRIDGEPORT, January 16, 1862.

I certify that on this sixteenth day of January, A. D. 1862, I placed in the hands of the Ill.^o CHARLES W. MOORE, an attested copy of the foregoing charges, and an original summons, of which the above is a true copy.

Attest :

LUCIUS R. PAIGE, 33^o,*Gr.^o Sec.^o Gen.^o H.^o E.^o.*

Ill.^o CHARLES W. MOORE was thrice called to appear and make answer to the foregoing charges, but made default. Evidence was then heard in support of said charges; and, after a full consideration, the question was taken in the ancient form, and the said CHARLES W. MOORE was unanimously adjudged guilty of all the offences set forth in said charges.

On motion of the P.^o Lieut.^o Grand Commander, the following preamble and decree were unanimously adopted; the same form of voting being observed :

Whereas, Ill.^o CHARLES W. MOORE, of Boston, has been adjudged guilty of the several offences set forth in the charges presented by Ill.^o JOHN A. FOSTER, it is therefore unanimously

Resolved, and Decreed, That said CHARLES W. MOORE be, and he is hereby, expelled from all the rights and privileges of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Resolved, and Decreed, That a circular, under the seal of this Supreme Grand Council, and attested by the signatures of its officers, be forwarded to all sister Supreme Grand Councils over the surface of the two Hemispheres, and to the Subordinate Bodies under this jurisdiction, in form and manner following, to wit :

DEUS MEUMQUE JUS.

FROM THE GRAND EAST OF THE SUPREME GRAND COUNCIL OF SOV.^o GRAND INSPECTORS GENERAL OF THE THIRTY-THIRD AND LAST DEGREE OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE FOR THE NORTHERN JURISDICTION OF THE U. S. A., UNDER THE C.^o C.^o OF THE Z.^o, NEAR THE B.^o B.^o, WHICH ANSWERS TO 42° 21' 22" N.L.

To all sister Supreme Grand Councils throughout the Universe; to all Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third degree; to all Ill.^o Most Valiant and Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, Knights of K-H, Knights of Rose Croix, Princes of Jerasalem, Ill.^o Princes and Knights, Grand Ineffable and Sublime Free and Accepted Masons, of all degrees, Ancient and Modern, over the surface of the two Hemispheres; to all to whom these Letters shall come:—

GREETING.

Whereas, for more than a year, a spirit of insubordination has existed in this jurisdiction, resulting in open rebellion against the authority of this Supreme Grand Council, and in the organization of a spurious and clandestine Body, which has assumed the name and attempted to exercise the functions of this Supreme Grand Council; and whereas one of the members and sundry Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, not members of this Supreme Grand Council, were the most prominent actors in said disorderly and rebellious proceedings, and whereas the patience and forbearance hitherto exercised towards the offenders has not induced them to abandon their evil designs and practices, and severe discipline has become imperatively necessary :

Now, therefore, know ye, that this Supreme Grand Council, deferring final action at this time in regard to others, has selected two of the principal offenders, namely, CHARLES W. MOORE, of Boston, formerly Grand Secretary General H. E., and KILLIAN H. VAN RENSSELAER, of Cambridge, Ohio, formerly Deputy Grand Inspector General for Ohio, and, after due trial, has unanimously expelled the said CHARLES W. MOORE and KILLIAN H. VAN RENSSELAER from all the rights and privileges of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, for such gross unmasonic conduct.

And all sister Supreme Grand Councils are requested, and all Masons and Masonic Bodies owing allegiance to this Supreme Grand Council are strictly enjoined, to hold no intercourse or communication in the Ancient and Accepted Rite with either of said expelled persons, or with the said spurious and clandestine Body which they have assisted to establish.

Given at the Grand East of Boston, this twenty-second day of January, A. D. 1862; and certified under our hands and the seal of the Supreme Grand Council.

APRIL 2d, 1862.—Letters from Ill. Bro. CHARLES S. WESTCOTT and ROBERT MACOY and other important documents were read.

After full consideration and a deliberate examination of the reasons for and against the same, the following preamble and decree were unanimously adopted :

Whereas, It has been unofficially made known to us that the Body, over which our Ill. Bro. E. B. HAYES now presides, is disposed to unite with this Body in one enlarged Supreme Grand Council, and whereas this Body is disposed to adopt any legal measures for the promotion of peace and harmony in the Ancient and Accepted Rite :

Decreed, That M. P. EDWARD A. RAYMOND, Esq., Ill. LUCIUS R. PAIGE, D. D., and Ill. GEORGE M. RANDALL, D. D., be a committee with power to confer with a similar committee to be appointed by the Body over which our said Ill. Bro. HAYES presides, and to arrange, if practicable, such a union of the two Bodies upon a just and honorable basis ; and to report such a basis, if arranged, for the final action of this Supreme Grand Council.

MAY 20th.—An address, prepared by the M. P. Sov. Grand Commander, and communicated in writing, was read by the Grand Secretary General.

MAY 20th, 1862.—ILLUSTRIOUS BRETHREN : Since our last annual session, the Supreme Grand Council has held several meetings. Some of the more important business transacted at those meetings may be briefly stated. On the twelfth day of July, 1861, agreeably to a vote, unanimously passed at the last annual session, Ill. AARON P. HUGHES, of Nashua, Grand Master of New Hampshire, was admitted to the honor of the thirty-third degree, and proclaimed a Sovereign Grand Inspector General ; and, with the concurrence of the Council, he was appointed Deputy for New Hampshire. The same degree was granted by unanimous vote to Ill. CHAS S. WESTCOTT and Ill. JOHN A. FOSTER, both of New York ; and the Grand Commander was requested to

confer the same upon them at his earliest convenience. They have both received the thirty-third degree, and been announced and proclaimed Sovereign Grand Inspectors General. Ill. Bro. WESTCOTT has received the appointment of Deputy for the State of New York; and Ill. Bro. FOSTER has received the same appointment for the State of New Jersey.

Ill. SIMON W. ROBINSON having resigned the office of Treasurer General H. E., and Ill. PETER LAWSON having resigned the office of Grand Master of Ceremonies, their resignations were accepted, and Ill. PETER LAWSON was appointed and installed as Grand Treasurer General H. E., and Ill. CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN was appointed and installed as Grand Master of Ceremonies, and declared to be an Active Member of the Supreme Council.

November 19, 1861, the Supreme Grand Council met in the city of New York, and the meeting was fully attended. At the same time and place, there was a meeting of the Supreme Grand Consistory, at which several measures were adopted for the general interest of the Rite, all of which were confirmed by the Supreme Council.

At a meeting of the Supreme Council convened at the Grand East, Boston, January 8, 1862, the nomination having been made at a previous meeting, the eminent degree of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, was granted by unanimous vote to Hon. JOHN L. LEWIS, JR., of Penn Yan, Past Grand Master of the State of New York, and the Grand Commander was requested to confer the same at his convenience.

Since our last annual Convocation, several dispensations have been granted to loyal and competent Brethren, to form and organize Subordinate Bodies under this jurisdiction, viz :

June 4, 1861, Boston Consistory, at Boston, Mass.

June 6, 1861, Council of Princes of Jerusalem for the State of New Jersey, at Hoboken, N. J.

February 20, 1862, Troy Lodge of Perfection, Troy, N. Y.

March 3, 1862, Brooklyn Lodge of Perfection, Brooklyn, N. Y.

March 3, 1862, Jefferson Lodge of Perfection, at Watertown, N. Y.

March 7, 1862, Central City Lodge of Perfection, Syracuse, N. Y.

April 5, 1861, Williamsburg Lodge of Perfection, Williamsburg, N. Y.

I recommend that charters be granted to the aforesaid Bodies, or that the dispensations be continued in force until the next Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council, as shall be judged most beneficial to the several Bodies and most conducive to the good of the Order.

Notwithstanding the opposition of the rebellious and disloyal, we have good cause to be thankful for the prosperity which has attended our labors, and to persevere in well doing. I shall be most happy to co-operate with you in all judicious measures to promote the highest interest of our beloved Institution.

To all our Ill. Most Valiant and Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, Grand Inquisitor Commanders, Ill. Knights of K-H, Sovereign Princes and Knights R. C., Grand, Ineffable and Sublime Free and Accepted Masons of all degrees, Ancient and Modern, over the Surface of the two Hemispheres :

HEALTH, STABILITY, POWER.

Know ye, that at a session of the Supreme Council of M.·P.·Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, thirty-third and last degree, of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, legally constituted for the Masonic Jurisdiction of the Republic of Peru and its dependencies, holden on the second day of the month Nisan, A. M. 5622, corresponding with the second day of April, A. D. 1862, an authentic decree was read, which was passed on the twenty-second day of January, A. D. 1862, and transmitted by the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, 33°, for the N.·J.· of the U. S. A., of which our Ill.·Bro.·EDWARD A. RAYMOND is Sovereign Grand Commander *ad vitam*, and LUCIUS R. PAIGE Grand Secretary General, expelling from that Body the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General CHARLES W. MOORE and KILLIAN H. VAN RENSSELAER, and denouncing the Body which they have formed as illegal, and whatever may emanate from them as spurious and clandestine, and

CONSIDERING :

1. That the said degree emanates from a legal Masonic Body, and that its design is to correct abuses within its jurisdiction :
2. That Masons cannot masonically hold communication with Bodies not established by legal authority :
3. That all Supreme Masonic Councils ought to sustain each other in correcting irregularity wherever it exists :

Decreed. That we declare to be irregular the aforesaid CHARLES W. MOORE and KILLIAN H. VAN RENSSELAER, and the Body which they have formed, as also whatever may emanate from them; and that it is unlawful to hold communication with such Bodies, or with the members who compose them; and we command all the officers in our jurisdiction neither to admit to their altars nor to hold masonic communication with the said MOORE and VAN RENSSELAER, and, on the contrary, to close their doors against them, as also against all the members of the Body which they have formed, and all who obey them.

Attested and sealed by us,

ANTONIO DE SOUZA FERREIRA,
M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33°,
for the Republic of Peru.

[L. s.]

RAFAEL SACO,
Grand Secretary General H.·E.·

4. A circular, under the Great Seal of the Supreme Grand Council, and attested by the M.·P.·ANTONIO DE SOUZA FERREIRA, Sovereign Grand Commander, and Ill.·RAFAEL SACO, Grand Secretary General H.·E.·, announcing the existence of a spurious and clandestine Body within its jurisdiction styling itself a Grand Council, and warning all other Supreme Grand Councils to hold no masonic communication with the said spurious Body.

After careful examination of the aforesaid circular, and after full deliberation, it was unanimously decreed as follows :

Whereas, At this session of the Supreme Grand Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, on the twentieth day of the Hebrew month Jyar, A. M. 5622, corresponding with the twentieth day of

May, A. D. 1862, a duly authenticated circular, emanating from the Supreme Grand Council of Peru and its dependencies, has been presented and examined, by which it appears that two expelled masons, without lawful authority have assumed to confer the thirty-third degree on other unworthy persons, and together with them have formed, or are attempting to form, a spurious Council within the proper jurisdiction of the Supreme Grand Council of Peru : and

CONSIDERING :

1. That, according to the Constitution of 1786, not more than one Supreme Grand Council can legally exist in the same Masonic District :

2. That the Supreme Grand Council of Peru and its dependencies, whereof M. P. ANTONIO DE SOUZA FERREIRA is now the Sovereign Grand Commander, and Ill. RAFAEL SACO is the Grand Secretary General, has been for more than thirty years, and is now acknowledged by other Supreme Grand Councils as legitimate and constitutional, and as the only Supreme Grand Council having lawful authority to exercise jurisdiction in the Republic of Peru :

3. That all legal Supreme Grand Councils ought to respect the rights of each other, to render all proper aid in the maintenance of those rights, and to discountenance rebellion and usurpation :

Decreed, That this Supreme Grand Council recognizes the Body, founded A. D. 1830, of which the M. P. ANTONIO DE SOUZA FERREIRA is Sovereign Grand Commander, and Ill. RAFAEL SACO is Grand Secretary General, as the only legal and constitutional Supreme Grand Council for the Republic of Peru and its dependencies; and denounces, as spurious and clandestine, the Body formed or attempted to be formed by ANTONIO SANCHEZ, JOSE JULIO UGARTE, MANUEL CALISTO, JOSE MANUEL BRAVO, and their associates, under the name of a Supreme Grand Council. And all subordinate Bodies under this jurisdiction, and all masons owing allegiance to this Supreme Grand Council are strictly forbidden to hold any masonic intercourse or communication with the said ANTONIO SANCHEZ, JOSE JULIO UGARTE, MANUEL CALISTO, JOSE MANUEL BRAVO, or any of their associates as aforesaid, under the constitutional penalties in such case provided.

Ordered, That the Grand Secretary General inform the Committee for the Revision of the Ritual, that the Supreme Grand Council desires the completion of that work as soon as practicable.

Resolved, That the M. P. Sov. Grand Commander be requested to call a special meeting of the Supreme Grand Council at an early day.

NORTHERN SUPREME COUNCIL, U. S. A.

M. P. EDWARD A. RAYMOND, Boston, (P. G. M.) Sov. Grand Commander
ad vitam.

P. SIMON W. ROBINSON, Lexington, (P. G. M.) Lieut. Grand Commander.

Ill. PETER LAWSON, Lowell, (P. D. D. G. M.) Grand Treasurer Gen. H. E.

Ill. LUCIUS R. PAIGE, D. D., Cambridgeport, (P. D. G. M.) Grand Secretary
Gen. H. E.

- Ill.·GEORGE M. RANDALL, D. D., Boston, (P. G. M.) Grand Minister of State.
 Ill.·CHARLES T. McCLENACHAN, New York, Grand Master of Ceremonies.
 Ill.·WILLIAM FIELD, Providence, R. I., (P. G. M.) Grand Captain L.·G.·.
 Ill.·WILLIAM B. HUBBARD, Columbus, Ohio, (P. G. M.) Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 32°.
 Ill.·J. J. J. GOURGAS, New York, (P. S. G. C.) *Emeritus*, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°.
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- Ill.·AARON P. HUGHES, Nashua, N. H., (G. M.) Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Deputy for New Hampshire.
 Ill.·CHARLES S. WESTCOTT, New York, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Deputy for New York.
 Ill.·JOHN A. FOSTER, New York, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Deputy for New Jersey.
 Ill.·E. T. CARSON, Cincinnati, Ohio, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°.

The Supreme Grand Council was again opened, and Ill.·Bro.·TIMOTHY BIGELOW LAWRENCE was advanced to the thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and proclaimed by the M.·P.·Sovereign Grand Commander as a Sovereign Grand Inspector General.

Ill.·Bro.·TIMOTHY BIGELOW LAWRENCE being about to repair to Florence, Italy, to enter upon his duties as Consul General of the United States, was duly appointed and commissioned as a general Representative of this Body in all foreign Supreme Grand Councils which he may visit or with which he may correspond.

Charges were presented by Ill.·S. W. ROBINSON, P.·Lieut.·Grand Commander, against Ill.·CHARLES R. STARKWEATHER, of Chicago, Illinois, Ill.·JOHN CHRISTIE, of Portsmouth, N. H., and Ill.·ALBERT CASE, of Boston; and it was

Ordered, That Thursday, the thirty-first day of July instant, be assigned as the time, and the Winthrop House in Boston, as the place for the investigation of said charges and judgment thereon, the trial to commence at ten o'clock A. M.; and the Grand Secretary General was directed to summon the accused parties to appear and make answer.

JULY 31st, 1862,—The special subject assigned for action at this meeting was taken up, and the following charges, summons and certificate thereon were read by the Grand Secretary General :

To the Supreme Grand Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America :

I hereby prefer charges against the following named Sovereign Grand Inspectors General, to wit : Ill.·CHARLES R. STARKWEATHER, of Chicago, Ill., Ill.·JOHN CHRISTIE, of Portsmouth, N. H., and Ill.·ALBERT CASE, of Boston, Mass., and pray that said charges may be investigated and such action be had thereon as justice and our ancient regulations may require.

CHARGES.

First.—That the said CHARLES R. STARKWEATHER, JOHN CHRISTIE and ALBERT CASE, in August, 1860, did conspire with KILLIAN H. VAN RENSSELAER and CHARLES W. MOORE to organize a spurious and clandestine Body, styled a Supreme Grand Council, which usurped the name and pretended to exercise the powers of this Supreme Grand Council.

Second.—That the said STARKWEATHER, CHRISTIE and CASE, in May, 1861, did conspire with said VAN RENSSELAER and MOORE to elect officers of said spurious Council, and, in an illegal and clandestine manner, to confer the thirty-third degree on WINSLOW LEWIS, WILLIAM S. GARDNER, WILLIAM PARKMAN, and others,—eight persons in all,—as in their Proceedings is fully set forth.

Third.—That the said STARKWEATHER, CHRISTIE and CASE, in May, 1862, did conspire with said VAN RENSSELAER, MOORE and others, (said VAN RENSSELAER and MOORE having been previously expelled by this Supreme Grand Council, and did elect the said VAN RENSSELAER and MOORE, with others, as officers of said spurious Council, and, in an illegal and clandestine manner, did confer the thirty-third degree on JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, F. G. TISDALL, BENJAMIN DEAN, and others,—fourteen persons in all,—as is fully set forth in their printed Proceedings.

Fourth.—That the said STARKWEATHER, CHRISTIE and CASE, notwithstanding the forbearance of this Supreme Grand Council, still persist in their disloyalty and rebellion, and still adhere to the said spurious Council and hold office therein.

Boston, July 18, 1862.

S. W. ROBINSON.

To Ill. CHARLES R. STARKWEATHER, Ill. JOHN CHRISTIE, and Ill. REV. ALBERT CASE :

The foregoing charges having been duly presented against you, the Supreme Grand Council has assigned Thursday, the thirty-first day of July instant, at ten o'clock A. M. as the time, and the Winthrop House, in Boston, as the place, for the investigation of said charges and adjudication thereon; at which time and place you are hereby summoned to appear, and to show cause, if any you have, why judgment should not be pronounced against you.

DEUS MEUMQUE JUS.

By order of the M. P. Sov. Grand Commander.

LUCIUS R. PAIGE, 33°,

Cambridgeport, July 19, 1862.

Gr. Sec. Gen. H. E.

I certify that on the nineteenth day of July, 1862, I deposited in the Post Office at Cambridgeport, Mass., a copy of the foregoing charges and summons, addressed to "CHARLES R. STARKWEATHER, Esq., Chicago, Ill.," and that on the twenty-first day of said July, I deposited in said Post Office two other copies thereof, one addressed to "JOHN CHRISTIE, Esq., Portsmouth, N. H.," and the other to "Rev. ALBERT CASE, Boston, Mass."

Attest :

LUCIUS R. PAIGE, 33°,

Gr. Sec. Gen. H. E.

Ill. CHARLES R. STARKWEATHER was thrice called to appear and make answer

to said charges, but made default. Evidence was presented and duly considered. The question was then taken in the ancient form, and the said CHARLES R. STARKWEATHER was unanimously adjudged guilty of all the offences set forth in said charges.

III. JOHN CHRISTIE was thrice called to appear and make answer to said charges, but made default. Evidence was presented and duly considered. The question was then taken in the ancient form, and the said JOHN CHRISTIE was unanimously adjudged guilty of all the offences set forth in said charges.

III. ALBERT CASE was thrice called to appear and make answer to said charges, but made default. Evidence was presented and duly considered. The question was then taken in the ancient form, and the said ALBERT CASE was unanimously adjudged guilty of all the offences set forth in said charges.

The three following preambles and decrees were unanimously adopted in the ancient form :

Whereas, III. CHARLES R. STARKWEATHER, of Chicago, Ill., has been adjudged guilty of the several offences set forth in the charges presented by P. SIMON W. ROBINSON, it is therefore unanimously

Resolved and Decreed, That the said CHARLES R. STARKWEATHER be, and he is hereby expelled from all the rights and privileges of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Whereas, III. JOHN CHRISTIE, of Portsmouth, N. H., has been adjudged guilty of the several offences set forth in the charges presented by III. and P. SIMON W. ROBINSON, it is therefore unanimously

Resolved and Decreed, That the said JOHN CHRISTIE be, and he is hereby expelled from all the rights and privileges of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Whereas, III. ALBERT CASE, of Boston, Mass., has been adjudged guilty of the several offences set forth in the charges presented by III. and P. SIMON W. ROBINSON, it is thereby unanimously

Resolved and Decreed, That the said ALBERT CASE be, and he is hereby expelled from all the rights and privileges of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Decreed, That a circular, similar in form to that which is recorded on folios 47 and 48 of this volume* (*Mutatis Mutandis*), under the seal of this Supreme Grand Council, and attested by the signatures of its officers, be forwarded to all sister Supreme Grand Councils in the two Hemispheres, and to all loyal Bodies under this jurisdiction, announcing the expulsion of CHAS. R. STARKWEATHER, JOHN CHRISTIE and ALBERT CASE.

DEC. 10th, 1862.—The eminent degree of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, was granted by unanimous vote, to III. JOHN H. H. WARD, S. P. R. S., of New York.

DEC. 30th, 1862.—The eminent degree of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, was granted by unanimous vote, to III. JOHN W. SIMONS, S. P. R. S., of New York, III. ROBERT MACOY, S. P. R. S., of New York, III. NICHOLAS MICKLES, S. P.

* See *ante* pp. 68, 69.

R.·S.·, of New York, Ill.·ALBERT H. KELSEY, S.·P.·R.·S.·, of Boston, and Ill.·GEORGE W. BENTLEY, S.·P.·R.·S.·, of Worcester, Mass. ; and the M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander was requested to confer the said degree upon the aforesaid Ill.·Brethren at his convenience; and also at his convenience, to confer the same degree upon Ill.·JOHN H. H. WARD, to whom it was granted at the last meeting of this Supreme Grand Council.

The Supreme Grand Council was called off until four o'clock P. M.

On recommendation of the M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander, Ill.·AARON P. HUGHES, of Nashua, N. H. (P. G. M. of N. H.) heretofore Deputy Inspector General for the State of New Hampshire, was, by unanimous vote, admitted as an Active Member of this Supreme Grand Council.

The M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander announced the appointment of Ill.·AARON P. HUGHES, to the office of Grand Marshal of this Supreme Grand Council.

Much time was devoted, during both sessions on this day, to a consideration and discussion of important questions concerning the interests and prosperity of the Ancient and Accepted Rite; and, without reaching a conclusion by a definite vote, the further consideration of the question aforesaid was postponed until the Supreme Grand Council shall again meet.

JAN. 28th, 1863.—Letters from Ill.·Bros.·CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN, JOHN W. SIMONS, ROBERT MACOY and NICHOLAS MICKLES were read by the Grand Secretary General.

Ill.·GEO. W. BENTLEY, S.·P.·R.·S.·, of Worcester, was advanced to the eminent degree of Sovereign Grand Inspector General, thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and was proclaimed and acknowledged accordingly.

The committee, appointed by a decree passed on the second day of April, A. D. 1862, submitted sundry documents, and reported that friendly interviews have been had with Representatives of the Illustrious Body named in said decree; that there is a reasonable prospect of effecting a union of the two Bodies on just and honorable terms; and that said Ill.·Body has referred the subject to a committee, with full power: whereupon the following preamble and decree were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Illustrious Body, styled the Supreme Grand Council for the United States, their Territories and Dependencies, has expressed a disposition to unite with this Supreme Grand Council in one consolidated Body, and has appointed a committee with full power for that purpose:

Decreed, That the committee heretofore appointed, namely, M.·P.·EDWARD A. RAYMOND, Esq., Ill.·LUCIUS R. PAIGE, D. D., and Ill.·GEO. M. RANDALL, D. D., be now fully empowered to agree upon the terms of such a union, on a basis which shall be just and right, honorable to both the Illustrious contracting Bodies, and according to the spirit and landmarks of Ineffable Masonry.

FEB. 18th, 1863.—The committee appointed on the second day of April, A. D. 1862, and fully empowered on the twenty-eighth day of January, A. D. 1863,

reported that they had attended to the duty assigned to them, and negotiated and signed and sealed a Treaty of Union, of which the following is a copy, to wit :

ARTICLES OF CONSOLIDATION,

Adopted and consummated by and between the Supreme Grand Council, thirty-third and last degree for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, sitting at Boston, of the one part, and the Supreme Grand Council, thirty-third and last degree Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies, sitting at New York, of the other part.

Whereas, The said parties, in their individual and sovereign capacity, being mutually desirous of advancing the interests of masonry within the jurisdiction, and wishing to consolidate the authorities therein under one governing head, have clothed their Representatives with full and perfect power to that end, who, in the name of said parties, have agreed, consented, provided and ordained, and do by these presents agree, consent, provide and ordain, as follows :

1. The said Supreme Councils are by virtue hereof consolidated, under the name of the "Supreme Grand Council, thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies," sitting at New York.

2. All Sovereign Grand Inspectors General heretofore created by either of the parties hereto, shall be recognized upon taking the oath of fealty to the Supreme Council for the United States of America.

3. All subordinate Bodies, hailing under either of the parties hereto, are to be duly acknowledged and recognized, upon taking the oath of fealty to the said Supreme Council for the United States of America, etc.; and new warrants may be granted, or the existing ones properly endorsed, as the said Bodies respectively may elect.

4. All properties, of whatever name, kind and description, belonging to the parties hereto, or either of them, are hereby declared to be vested in the said Supreme Council for the United States of America, etc., and will be delivered accordingly to the Grand Secretary General thereof.

5. Until otherwise ordered, the Constitutions and General Regulations of the second party hereto, are hereby adopted and declared in full force for the government of the consolidated body herein provided for.

6th. The number of Active Members of said Council is hereby increased to seventeen (creating eight new offices), and the officers of the said consolidated Council, *ad vitam*, shall be as follows :

<i>Sov.: Grand Commander,</i>	EDMUND B. HAYES.
<i>Sov.: Assist.: Grand Commander,</i>	EDWARD A. RAYMOND.
<i>1st Lieut.: Grand Commander,</i>	S. W. ROBINSON.
<i>2d Lieut.: Grand Commander,</i>	H. THOMPSON.
<i>Grand Orator,</i>	
<i>Grand Minister of State,</i>	G. M. RANDALL.
<i>Grand Chancellor,</i>	LUCIUS R. PAIGE.

<i>Grand Secretary General,</i>	DANIEL SICKELS.
<i>Grand Treasurer General,</i>	ROBERT E. ROBERTS.
<i>Grand Marshal General,</i>	HENRY C. BANKS.
<i>Grand Sword Bearer,</i>	AARON P. HUGHES.
<i>1st Grand Master of Ceremonies,</i>	H. J. SEYMOUR.
<i>2d Grand Master of Ceremonies,</i>	C. T. MCCLENACHAN.
<i>Grand Expert Introducer,</i>	PETER LAWSON.
<i>Grand Standard Bearer.</i>	JOHN INNES.
<i>1st Grand Captain of Guard,</i>	WILLIAM FIELD.
<i>2d Grand Captain of Guard,</i>	WILLIAM H. JARVIS.

7. The Emeritus position of Sovereign Assistant Grand Commander is conferred on Ill. EDWARD A. RAYMOND, in recognition of his long and distinguished services in the Rite.

In testimony of all which, EDWARD A. RAYMOND, GEORGE M. RANDALL and LUCIUS R. PAIGE, on behalf of said first party, and EDMUND B. HAYES, DANIEL SICKELS and HENRY C. BANKS, on behalf of said second party, have hereunto set their hands and seals interchangeably, for the uses and purposes hereinbefore expressed.

Done at the city of Boston, this seventh day of February, A. D. 1863.

EDWARD A. RAYMOND.	[L. s.]
GEORGE M. RANDALL.	[L. s.]
LUCIUS R. PAIGE.	[L. s.]
EDMUND B. HAYES.	[L. s.]
DANIEL SICKELS.	[L. s.]
HENRY C. BANKS.	[L. s.]

Orders were adopted for the settlement of sundry outstanding accounts.

In consideration of the faithful and devoted masonic labors of M. P. EDWARD A. RAYMOND, for nearly fifty years, and especially in consideration of his services on behalf of the Supreme Grand Council, as its Sov. Grand Commander, for the last twelve years,

Ordered, That Ill. Bros. ROBINSON, PAIGE and LAWSON, be a committee to procure a suitable testimonial of esteem and affection for our Venerable and Illustrious Brother, who voluntarily retires from his high office on the organization of the United Supreme Grand Council, agreeably to the Treaty formed on the 7th day of February, A. D 1863.

After the transaction of sundry matters rendered necessary by the approaching change in its organization, so that all its masonic duties may be fully performed, and after mutual congratulations upon the successful issue of efforts to heal a division which has existed for the last half century, and to unite the two Bodies into one Supreme Grand Council, upon just and honorable terms, the business of the meeting having been accomplished, the M. P. Sov. Grand Commander pronounced the Supreme Grand Council closed *sine die*.

DEUS MEUMQUE JUS.

Attest :

LUCIUS R. PAIGE, 33°,

Gr. Sec. Gen. H. E.

In this Union of the HAYES and RAYMOND bodies there is presented a most marvellous spectacle. True it was a matter of rejoicing among the Fraternity, as well it might be, on the ground, that it is always better to be at peace, than at war—that it is far better for Brethren to dwell together in unity, than to cultivate a spirit of discord, which is always productive of bitterness, and the exercise of the most degrading animosities. Therefore there was solid ground for rejoicing on all sides.

But let us look a little further into the matter. On the one hand was the HAYES Council, assuming to be the successor of JOSEPH CERNEAU, who established it in 1807, ignoring the Secret Constitutions of FREDERICK, said to have been made by him in 1786, declaring itself to be governed by the Constitutions of 1762. and the General Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the Masonic Order—its Officers elective—its ruling body strictly representative—the powers of its Officers delegated, and limited, and all its actions governed by a majority. As such it had friendly relations, and Representatives in the Grand Orient of France—the Sup. Council of France—the Supreme Council of Belgium—the Supreme Council of Brazil, and the Sup. Council of New Grenada. As long as it maintained its ground, in the face of the opposition which was raised against it, the position of the CERNEAU-HAYES Council was good, and growing more popular every year.

On the other hand, was the RAYMOND body, which was established by GOURGAS as a body, in 1848, had its East in New York City for two or three years, and then removed to Boston, Mass., about 1851. In this body MR. RAYMOND became Sov. Gr. Commander, as successor of GILES FONDA YATES, who resigned in his favor. MR. RAYMOND was a very strong and decided believer in the doctrine of the Secret Constitutions of Frederick, and during his Presidency endeavored to carry them out to the letter. All the members that he received were, at first, entirely of the same opinion as himself, and their secret, as well as their open denunciations of their opponents, were “neither few, nor small.” The

Laws, Doctrines and Usages of his body were diametrically opposed to those of the CERNEAU-HAYES Council. MR. RAYMOND declared himself to be the Sov. Gr. Commander for Life—that the Office was not elective—that all the Officers of his Council could only be appointed by him—that he had the power or prerogative of opening or closing the Council at his pleasure—of making Sov. Gr. Inspectors General without any ones consent, and a variety of things equally opposed to the HAYES doctrines. Nevertheless, these two bodies united—or amalgamated—or came together. After all that had passed between them, was it not a marvellous sight?

Let us inquire for a moment. What induced these discordant bodies to come together?

We are informed, both from the printed proceedings, and by the committee appointed on the occasion, that the application for the Union came first from the RAYMOND body. If this be true, it is probable that the RAYMOND body found itself damaged, as it regards regularity, both the VAN RENSSELAER and the RAYMOND bodies having made strong efforts for recognition by the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction, and were denied on account of “irregularity.” Further, the RAYMOND body did not prosper after the break with the original Council. Their work was not attended with success. The constant warfare which was kept up between the GOURGAS and the RAYMOND bodies, seriously injured both in the eyes of all Masons—the failure in obtaining the recognition, of which they had calculated so largely upon, discouraged them, and under the circumstances they probably entertained the idea, that by coming together the warfare would cease—matters would be healed, and recognition would be certain. The CERNEAU-HAYES body, not content with the peaceable and high position which they occupied, was probably induced by the same motives, to come into the arrangement. They undoubtedly calculated that universal recognition would be a natural consequence. So they came together.

And what did the bodies gain by this Union? Let us see.

When the two bodies came together the Sov. Gr. Commander of both bodies resigned, together with all the respective Officers of each body, thus dissolving both the HAYES-CERNEAU and the RAYMOND Council, each Sov. Gr. Insp. General retaining his status as such. They at once formed an entire new Council, under the title of The Supreme Grand Council for the United States of America, her Territories and dependencies, and by previous agreement, EDMUND B. HAYES was elected Sov. Gr. Commander, and EDWD. A. RAYMOND Lieut. Gr. Commander, and making an equal division of the Officers between the members of each body. They adopted the Secret Constitution of Frederick as the fundamental Law, except that the Offices were made elective. In all other particulars it was a GOURGAS Council. They altered the date of the origin of the Council to 1813, and have adopted it, leaving the CERNEAU Council, and its members, all in the background. They have placed EMANUEL DE LA MOTTE on the Throne, and bowed obedience. When it is remembered, the particulars of the pretended formation of that Council in 1813, viz: the circumstances which led to it—the proceedings of the same in the “Expulsion from every Masonic Asylum in the world” of JOSEPH CERNEAU, HON. DE WITT CLINTON, Governor of the State of New York, and Gr. Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York; HON. JOHN W. MULLIGAN, U. S. Minister, &c.; HON. CADWALLADER D. COLDEN, Mayor of the City of New York; all of whom were Officers of the Grand Lodge, and a number of other Gentlemen, equally noted, and all this performed by such a mountebank as EMANUEL DE LA MOTTE, one would think that the shame on the part of the CERNEAU members would be such, that they would wish to be known no more.

Having accomplished, in his own mind, the work which he came to perform, and published his Edicts in the Daily papers, besides scattering his Circulars freely through the different Masonic bodies, he fled precipitately to Philadelphia to get out of the way, as the indignation heaped upon him led him to fear for his safety here.

As the Civil War had not come to an end, at the time of the Union of the two bodies, very little could be done in the way of seeking Recognition from the Southern Supreme Council. That subject will be noticed in its proper place.

Previous to the Union of the RAYMOND and the HAYES Councils, both Councils were dissolved by their respective Sov. Gr. Commanders, and the offices of the same declared to be vacant. Thus both Councils came to a close, releasing each member from his oath of fealty and allegiance to the respective Councils, acknowledging their status as Sov. Gr. Insp. Genl. of 33d degree, and leaving them to act in the premises, as might suit their own convictions of duty. Each Sov. Gr. Insp. Gen. retained his identity as such, his powers were not vitiated, although the body with which he was connected, had disappeared, and he was at liberty to withdraw from the Assembly, or unite with the proposed new body as a Union Council. It is not probable that any of the Sov. Gr. Insp. Gen. had such a movement in view—they did not withdraw (except Ill. Benjamin C. Leveridge, who resigned from the Cerneau Council just prior to the Union) and form a new Council—in fact, they all, with this exception, united with the new Union Council, and signed the oath of fealty to the Sov. Gr. Commander; nevertheless, they could have retired, as their Councils were dissolved, and formed another Council if they had chosen so to do. The powers with which a Sov. Gr. Insp. Genl. 33d is vested, cannot be taken from him, either by Edict or Proclamation, or in any other manner. The individual Inspector, or the body so formed, may not be acknowledged, or recognized, nevertheless the prerogatives of the individual Inspector cannot be taken from him, nor can the body so formed be destroyed, except by the consent of all interested in the same. It was, however, deemed a great cause of congratulation, that all, with the exception of the above mentioned, decided in favor of the Union—united together—signed the oath of fealty, and thus placed an entering wedge to a general union of all the brethren of the Rite.

The grand object of the Brethren in bringing about this

Union was thus apparently accomplished. The RAYMOND and the VAN RENSSELAER Councils had previously made earnest efforts for Recognition by the Supreme Council for the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction—many letters had been written to Ill. Bro. Pike upon the subject, by members of both Councils—the printed proceedings had been issued on both sides, and ILL. BRO. PIKE became well informed upon the subject. In his address as Sov. Gr. Commander, before the Sup. Council over which he presided, in 1861, he stated the case to the Council as fully as the circumstances would permit, at the same time informing them that they would, in all probability, be called upon to decide which of the two Councils they would recognize—that in order to assist them in forming a correct opinion, he had made a laborious investigation of the whole matter, and therewith laid it before the body—that his conclusion was, that although ILL. BRO. RAYMOND was truly the M. P. Sov. Gr. Commander by succession, yet both bodies were irregular according to the Secret Constitution of 1786, not having a quorum according to that instrument, and therefore all their proceedings were null and void; that in their existing condition, neither of the bodies could be acknowledged by the Sup. Council of the Southern Jurisdiction. The members of the Sup. Council appeared to have come to the same conclusion, and their decision was made known. Being disappointed in this movement, they resorted to the step which has been narrated, viz.: Union with the CERNEAU-HAYES Council, which was already recognized by several Supreme Councils, as has already been mentioned, hoping that this would add to their claim for recognition from the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction.

The Union being completed, and the Council organized, they prepared to go forward in this undertaking. But as the Civil War had broken out, and the whole country was in arms, it was decided that it then—1863—would be useless to proceed in the matter. They could not reach the Southern portion of the country, and the members of the Council were dispersed, or scattered, no regular meeting of the

Council could be held, and the matter was left to the close of the War, viz.: 1864. As soon as circumstances would permit, the Committee visited the different members of the Council, and laid the matter before them. They failed in obtaining favor until ILL. BRO. PIKE had been seen, and his opinion given.

In the meantime ILL. BRO. PIKE had informed himself more fully concerning the merits of the case, and at the meeting of the Sup. Council in 1865 and 1866 delivered his Annual address, in which the whole difficulty was fully explained.

That portion of the address, relating to the disturbance of the Sup. Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, was referred to a Special Committee, who carefully, patiently, and earnestly considered the subject, which resulted in the following conclusions :

“First—Resolved, That in the opinion of this Sup. Council, the action of the Sov. Gr. Insp. Genl. 33°, members of the Sup. Council of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, who, on the 25th of August, 1860, opened the Sup. Council of that Jurisdiction after the departure of the Sov. Gr. Comm., was illegal, null, and void, because the Inspectors, being but four in number, viz : Ill. Bros. MOORE, CASE, STARKWEATHER and YOUNG, did not constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business, and more especially for the expulsion afterwards of ILL. BROS. RAYMOND and ROBINSON.”

“Second—Resolved, That the action of the Inspectors, who organized a new Council at Boston on the 21st of May, 1861, was also Illegal, Null, and Void. 1st. Because the said Inspectors, being only *Two* in number, viz : ILL. BRO. RAYMOND, Sov. Gr. Comm., and ROBINSON, Lieut. Gr. Comm., did not constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. 2d. Because there were *Eight* active members of the Sup. Council for the Northern Jurisdiction, and Ill. Bros. RAYMOND and ROBINSON, proceeding upon the erroneous idea, that there were but *Five*, added to themselves, as active members, *Four* other Brethren, a single vacancy only then existing, before displacing for contumacy, or any other cause, any of the Active members who were not present, and therefore, it being by the body thus irregularly created that said members, viz : Bros. MOORE, CASE, and STARKWEATHER, were expelled, the expulsion, for that reason, was altogether ineffectual.”

“Third—Resolved, That entertaining these views of the Constitutional question involved in this controversy, this Sup. Council can only recognize the following Brethren as legal Sov. Gr. Insp. Genl., Active members of the Sup. Council of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, viz : Ill. Bros. ROBINSON, MOORE, CASE, YOUNG, and STARKWEATHER, of whom ILL. BRO. ROB-

INSON is the legal successor of Bro. RAYMOND as Sov. Gr. Commander, he having been appointed by the latter, Lieut. Gr. Comm., and succeeding at his death to the vacant Commandership, which he is entitled to retain until lawfully removed by the Sup. Council."

"Fourth—Resolved, That any action taken, or principle affirmed, by these Five Sov. Gr. Insps. Genl., in accordance with the Constitutions of 1786, and the Regulations of their own body, for the purpose of re-assembling the Sup. Council of the Northern Jurisdiction, will be hailed with pleasure by this Supreme Council, and will meet with its hearty concurrence and co-operation."

The said Report and Resolutions were taken up, and Unanimously adopted.

The Civil War came to a close in 1864. All obstacles to a free intercourse with the Southern States were removed out of the way, and the Committee, appointed for the purpose, started from New York, to visit the different members of the Sup. Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, for the purpose of ascertaining their views, relative to the recognition of the now United Sup. Council. They visited them in the different States, were very graciously received, but all seemed reluctant to give a decision until ILL. BRO. PIKE had been consulted. The visit of the Committee is stated to have occupied the better part of two months, and yet, at the end of that time, nothing was accomplished. It was determined to visit ILL. BRO. PIKE, in order to get a final decision. The interview was a pleasant one, although, as it appears, the whole matter had been presented to the Sup. Grand Council by ILL. BRO. PIKE, in his annual address, and fully discussed. It was referred to a Committee who investigated the matter very fully, and gave their decision adverse to any acknowledgement. The Ill. Gr. Commander stated that he could only act in conformity to their wishes, and therefore could not recognize the Sup. Council of the Northern Jurisdiction as at present constituted. It was not deemed regular before the Union, and now, that the Union had taken place, it was far more objectionable than before, as the CERNEAU Council, with which it had united, was Spurious, Illegal, Illegitimate, and as such, never could be recognized.

Finding that there was no hope of obtaining the desired

object, the whole character of the interview was changed from kind words to pointed remarks, and it was intimated by the Committee, that it was in their power, to overspread the whole United States with their subordinate bodies—that they had the men, the money, and the power on their side, and were prepared, if not recognized, to do so. This course of procedure brought the whole matter to a pause. After mature deliberation, ILL. BRO. PIKE proposed that the existing Northern Sup. Council should be dissolved, and that they should get a RAYMOND man for Gr. Commander, who should form a new and regular Council. If they should act in accordance with this proposition, the Northern Sup. Council would be immediately acknowledged. Here the interview closed. The Committee left to return to New York, and report proceedings.

The result of this proposition, which was immediately acted upon by the Sup. Gr. Council of the Northern Jurisdiction, was that said Council was at once dissolved by unanimous consent, and the Sov. Gr. Comm., Simon W. Robinson, as successor to the late Edward A. Raymond, formed a new Council, and subsequently, at a meeting of this new Sup. Gr. Council, at Nassau Hall, Boston, Dec. 13th, 1866, announced, that consequent upon the death of Ill. Edward A. Raymond, late Sov. Gr. Commander, he had succeeded to the Sov. Gr. Commandership of the Sup. Gr. Council of Sov. Gr. Ins. Gen. of the 33d and last degree of the Anc. and Acc. Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, and in the exercise of the Rights, Privileges, and Functions of said office. He had notified and summoned the following Ill. Brethren, viz.: Charles W. Moore, Albert Case, Charles B. Starkweather, and A. B. Young, to appear before him in Council Chamber, and they having failed or neglected to obey the summons, or to take notice thereof, he declared and proclaimed their seats vacant, and that he should proceed to fill up the vacancies in the Supreme Council, pursuant to the Constitutions of 1786. He then proceeded to form an entire new Council, it being the old Gourgas Council, renewed in the person of Simon W.

Robinson and Peter Lawson. The offices were all filled in due form, and the Sov. Gr. Com. caused it to be proclaimed that the Sup. Gr. Council, 33d and last degree, for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, was fully organized, and the officers were installed in due form. After which he delivered an Address, in which he states the object in view in dissolving the Union Council, as follows :

“Exceptions were taken to this Union, especially by the Southern Council, who, after a long and deliberate consideration of the subject, were of the opinion that it was irregular, and therefore decided not to recognize the Council.” “To place ourselves within the *pale of legitimacy*, and to secure Fraternal relations with the Southern Council, and all other regular Councils, induced the Brethren to dissolve the ‘Union Council,’ which has been done by the unanimous consent of every member.”

“The Union Council being dissolved, its members are consequently absolved from the Oath of Fealty, and may lawfully resuscitate the Raymond Council, and exercise all the Rights, Privileges, and Functions, to which it was entitled, previous to its Union with the Hayes Council.

“It is now believed that every obstacle to a full and complete recognition by all regular Councils, is removed, and we may reasonably hope that this Sup. Council will continue to hold a high place in the scale of usefulness among the honored institutions of the land.”

This is the second time that the Councils were dissolved, viz. : first at the Union of the Raymond and Hayes bodies—1863—and last, in December, 1865, when a new Council was formed by Simon W. Robinson, with the open declaration, that it was the “Raymond Council resuscitated, and the Cerneau body was left to itself. (See Address in 1866—Proceedings.)

We would here notice a few statements, which have frequently been made, and published in addresses, as well as other Masonic documents, by ILL. BRO. PIKE, not with a desire of creating any bad feeling, but simply to make a correction.

He states “that the Sup. Gr. Council of the Southern Masonic Jurisdiction is the MOTHER of all the Councils in the world—that they are its offspring.” etc.

We shall not attempt a reply to this assertion, further than to say that the CERNEAU COUNCIL, which had an existence from 1807 to 1827, was succeeded by the Amalgamated

Council of the Western Hemisphere in 1832, afterwards known as the Hayes-Atwood Council, up to the year 1863, was not *begotten*, or *brought forth* by that body, mediately, or directly—in fact, never acknowledged, or had, or sought, any connection with it.

The doctrine of ILL. BRO. CERNEAU was, that, unless a body became properly organized, held its regular meetings, was in the constant exercise of its functions, and shewed by its acts that it was entitled to respect, it could not be considered, or called, a body. Without these qualifications it was only a "*name*," without any substance.

His body, from its first establishment, progressed, increased in numbers, respectability, and influence, was entitled to the name it bore, was acknowledged by the Gr. Orient of France in 1810, again in 1816, and continued on up to 1827 in friendly relations with that body. In 1832 it was acknowledged by the Sup. Gr. Council of France, Sup. Gr. Council of Belgium, Sup. Gr. Council of Brazil, and Sup. Gr. Council of New Grenada, and had exchanged Representatives with them all. The MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE and the COUNT ST. LAURENT were its Representatives in France, and each of the other Councils were well represented. In 1862 it was again acknowledged by the Gr. Orient of France. See Doc. 24, page 64; Doc. No. 13, page 65; Doc. 28, page 228; Doc. 37, page 370; Doc. 47, page 414.

The Sup. Council of Brazil was established by CERNEAU, and continued for a long number of years in friendly accord with the Cerneau body. See Doc. 25, page 208; Doc. 28, page 292.

The Supreme Council of New Grenada was not established by the Sup. Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, but by the Gr. Orient of France. Acknowledged the CERNEAU body, and exchanged Representatives. See Doc. 37. page 370.

All these bodies have had complete Records kept. The Records of the *Cerneau* body up to 1824, the Records of the Amalgamated Council from 1831 to 1836, and the Records of

the ATWOOD-HAYES Council (the successors to Cerneau), up to 1863.

ILL. BRO. PIKE, with a manliness and independence, characteristic of the man, acknowledges

“That the Record of the transactions of the Sup. Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States commenced with the Session of 1857. There is no Record, there are to be found no minutes, no notes of any previous meetings. If, from its origin in 1801, to 1857, there ever was any Record, or Entry, or Memorandum, formally made, of any regular meeting of the body, it was destroyed, with the papers of the Secretary Gen. during the War. There is nothing to be found in the shape of Records, or Minutes, to shew that ever any person was elected to membership in the Sup. Council. prior to 1857. Deputies were appointed by Letters Patent, and acted, but there is no *Record* of their appointment. Bodies were created, and existed, but there is no record of any thing done in regard to them. Also, with the exception of letters from BRO. GOURGAS, and the correspondence and documents, in relation to the Concordat made with the Sup. Council of Louisiana, there are but few old documents and papers.”

Thus it appears, that while these denunciations, so frequently heaped upon the Cerneau body, were progressing, the body issuing them had not an existence, only in *name*, confirming all that has at any time been said about it. There was no body, no Records, no organization, nor was that Council ever acknowledged by any Sup. Gr. Council in the world until 1828, at which time such acknowledgment was applied for, and effected, with the Gr. Orient of France by a mean trick, practiced by J. J. J. GOURGAS of New York, as has been already related in this History.

The Sov. Gr. Consistory (Cerneau) through its Committee, in reporting upon De La Motte's document state :

“Immediately on its installation, the Grand Consistory gave notice to the Supreme Masonic bodies in Europe and the West Indies, to whom it, at the same time communicated, copies of the Patents under which it was formed. These were followed by the most ample recognition on the part of the Sup. Gr. Council of France, an act, sufficient in itself, to outweigh the cavils of all Imposters.”

“Having heard that a Council existed at Charleston, So. Ca., which yet might be in activity, a Circular, with copies of the Patent, or Warrant, and a list of the members, was also transmitted thither, and delivered to the person, whose name appears as Gr. Commander, to the act approving De La Motte's denunciations. No answer being received, another was despatched, but with no better success. Your Committee will here just remark, that if

the Council at Charleston was a regular body, and deemed us usurpers, it was their duty to take instant and effectual means to arrest our progress. If we were regular, Masonic courtesy, as well as their obligations, required them to acknowledge us without delay. They have done neither. This profound silence, and neglect, was, of itself, sufficient to satisfy the Gr. Consistory that the body at Charleston, if it ever had a lawful existence, was extinct."

"He also proclaims at this late day, as well as at the commencement, that CERNEAU never had the 33d degree, and as a matter of course, not being possessed of it, he could not confer it upon others. The following Extract is given from his address (page 305, Transactions, &c.)."

"In October, 1807, one JOSEPH CERNEAU came from the West Indies to New York. He was in possession of the Twenty-Five degrees of the Rite of Perfection, or Heredom—the same which GERMAIN HACQUET carried back to France in 1804—where, in consequence of the Revolution, that Rite had been disused, and become obsolete and forgotten. CERNEAU had not the 33d degree, nor the others added to the Rite of Perfection, to constitute with it the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Nor had he the true Kadosh, which, as is well known, on account of prejudice, had ceased to be worked. He pretended to have no more than the Rite of Perfection in Twenty-Five degrees. This is as perfectly well known as any thing on earth could be. Possessed of this Rite of Heredom, which had ceased to be worked in the United States, he organized in October, 1837, at New York, a Sovereign Grand Consistory of Supreme Chiefs of Exalted Masonry, of the Ancient Scottish Rite of Heredom, for the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies."

In reply to this, we would only state the well known fact, that JOSEPH CERNEAU did have the 33d degree; that he conferred the same on many brethren; that as soon as a sufficient number was elevated to that degree he formed a Sup. Gr. Council of the 33d and last degree, which Supreme Council was advertised in their first Annuary. Again, in 1812-13-14-15 and 16, the last named Annuary being fuller than the former ones. They continued the Annuary up to 1827, when the Council and Consistory adjourned *sine die*.

All those Brethren who have received that degree from his hands, directly, or through his successors, have always been acknowledged and recognized, as 33d, by the Sup. Councils of France, Belgium, Brazil, New Grenada, England, Scotland, Ireland, and South America. The list is a long one, and it is not necessary to mention names. Those who have been elevated to the 33d degree, in the Cerneau Sup. Council, up to 1863, have always been satisfied that they were correct, and, after the union of the Hayes and Raymond

Councils, found no difference in the degree which they had received and the degree conferred by the SOV. GR. COMMANDER RAYMOND.

But the question may properly be asked here, "What does the ILL. BRO. PIKE mean by the 33d degree?" No other answer can be given, that we are aware of than this, although on our part, a mere supposition, viz. : The Secret Constitutions are the basis, in his judgement, of the 33d degree, and all who receive that degree, solemnly obligate themselves to receive, support, and abide by that instrument. He that does not do this, has not received the 33d degree, but is "Spurious," "Clandestine," "Illegal," a "Fraud," etc.

JOSEPH CERNEAU, and his body, denied the authenticity of the Secret Constitutions of 1786, in consequence of which, that portion of the obligation was stricken out. Hence, the quarrels and difficulties which have occurred up to the present time.

ILL. BRO. RAYMOND, in his first address, after the formation of his Council, remarks :

Extract, see page 00.

This is the doctrine which is believed in, and supported, by all the Councils which have adopted the Secret Constitutions of 1786 (without amendments), but it is not now, nor has it ever been, the doctrine of the CERNEAU body, or the CERNEAU members. They have always viewed such doctrines as hurtful in their tendency—not adapted to the form of Government and Constitution under which we live, and should be abrogated altogether.

ILL. BRO. PIKE states much concerning HENRY C. ATWOOD which needs not notice here, but he makes mention of the Author of this History, "as having received the degrees from ABRAM JACOBS in 1825—and that Dr. Folger will not deny it."

The above is perfectly correct. He has never denied it, but, on the contrary, has spoken of it, freely and publicly, in and out of, Lodges, Chapters, Encampments, and the Sup. Council, of which he is, at present, a member, and has

been since 1851. A detailed account of the whole transaction, with all the names connected with it, has been published some years since, in his "Recollections of Masonry," from the year 1824 to the year 1860, which will shortly be published in a book form. The Author has never denied it to any person in the world, when questioned about the matter.

We shall now continue the history of the United Council up to the time of its dissolution, and the erection upon its ruins of the resuscitated RAYMOND COUNCIL, and the history of this latter Council down to its Union with the VAN RENSSELAER Council in 1867.

NEW YORK, Thursday, April 16, 1863.

The Supreme Grand Council met this day, at two o'clock P. M., and was opened in the usual form by the M.:P.:Sov.: Grand Commander, EDMUND B. HAYES, assisted by

Ill.:SIMON W. ROBINSON, 1st *Lieut.:Gr.: Commander.*

GEORGE M. RANDALL, *Grand Minister of State.*

DANIEL SICKLES, *Grand Secretary General H.:E.:.*

HENRY C. BANKS, *Grand Marshal General H.:E.:.*

AARON P. HUGHES, *Grand Sword Bearer.*

JOHN INNES, *Grand Standard Bearer.*

PETER LAWSON, *Grand Expert Introducer.*

The Committee on Alterations and Amendments to the Constitutions then made the following report :

That Title I, Article 1, be so amended as to read, after the word Ill.:, Grand Captain of the Guard and twenty-four Active Members, who shall, &c.

Which was unanimously adopted.

Title I. Article 17, be so amended that the fee for the thirty-third degree shall be fifty dollars.

Unanimously adopted.

And also recommended the following resolutions :

Resolved, That all funds now in the hands of this Body, or to come thereto, exceeding the sum of fifty dollars, be placed in the hands of a Board of three Trustees, to be appointed by the M.:P.:Sov.:Grand Commander, by them to be deposited in their names as such Trustees, in such savings bank as they may elect, to be drawn therefrom by a vote of this Body only.

Resolved, That the Ill.:Grand Secretary General shall receive from time to time such sums as the Supreme Council shall vote him for his services as Grand Secretary General H.:E.:.

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated to purchase rituals of the A. . and A. . Rite, now being prepared by MACOY & SICKELS, under the supervision of Ill. . Bros. . HAYES and McCLENACHAN.

All of which were unanimously adopted.

The appointment of Deputy Grand Inspector General for the State of Massachusetts, was referred to the M. . P. . Sov. . Grand Commander, with power.

The Grand Secretary was directed and authorized to receive the effects of the late Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, as per Articles of Consolidation.

The M. . Sov. . Grand Commander was clothed with discretionary powers to confer the degrees of the A. . and A. . Rite during the recess of the Supreme Council.

The M. . P. . Sov. . Grand Commander then appointed Ill. . Bros. . H. C. BANKS, JOHN INNES and C. T. McCLENACHAN, Trustees for this Supreme Council.

JUNE 6th, 1863.—The M. . P. . Sov. . Grand Commander stated to the Ill. . Brethren that he had convened them for the purpose of assisting him to confer the thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite upon Ill. . Prince ZENAS C. PRIEST, and accordingly directed Ill. . Bro. . H. C. BANKS, Acting Master of Ceremonies, to introduce Ill. . Prince PRIEST.

The Ill. . Grand Master of Ceremonies then presented the Ill. . Prince, who received the thirty-third and last degree of the A. . and A. . Rite in due form.

After which addresses were delivered by Ill. . Bros. . SIMONS, LEWIS, PAIGE and BANKS.

SEPTEMBER 2d, 1863.—The M. . P. . Sov. . Grand Commander then read and submitted his annual address and report, as follows :

ILL. . BRETHREN AND SUBLIME PRINCES :

Our grateful acknowledgements are due to Him who dwelleth between the Cherubim, for the manifold blessings and comforts which in His infinite beneficence He has been pleased to bestow upon us during the last past year, and for permission to again assemble in our sacred asylum on the occasion of our annual Conclave.

As the Grand Commander of the Supreme Grand Council, it becomes my duty to render to you an account of my stewardship, and whatever else has transpired in our beloved Ancient and Accepted Rite for the last year, and to recommend such measures as the interests of our Rite may require.

My first official act during the recess of the Supreme Grand Council, was the appointment, on the tenth day of November last, of our Ill. . Bro. . CLINTON F. PAIGE, of Binghamton, the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, as our District Deputy Inspector General for this State, and a few days after I received a communication from him, enclosing applications for charters for a Lodge of Perfection, Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Chapter of Rose Croix, and a Consistory of Princes of the Royal Secret, all under the distinctive title of Central City, to be located at Syracuse, N. Y.

The necessary information was immediately forwarded to Ill. Bro. PAIGE, and the result of his labors will be made known to you in his official report.

About the middle of last year, the Supreme Grand Council having voted the thirty-third degree to Sublime Princes RICHARD M. BARKER, WILLIAM ELLISON, WILLIAM F. KNOWLES, NICHOLAS HATHAWAY, JOHN F. CURRIER, RICHARD F. SPOFFORD, JR., and DANIEL W. LAWRENCE, all members of the Grand Consistory of the State of Massachusetts, on the twentieth day of November last, accompanied by our Ill. Bro. HENRY J. SEYMOUR, I proceeded to the city of Boston, and on the following day elevated the above-named Brethren to that sublime and superior degree.

In December last, at a special session of the Supreme Grand Council, a committee, consisting of the Ill. Grand Secretary General and Grand Commander, were appointed on the condition of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in the United States.

Your Committee, after careful investigation of the arduous duties assigned them, and learning with pleasure that the Supreme Grand Council for the Northern District and Jurisdiction of the United States, over which Ill. Bro. EDWARD A. RAYMOND presided, whose Grand East was at Boston, was desirous, as was our Supreme Grand Council, that the difficulties so long existing in our Ancient and Accepted Rite should be healed, and union and harmony reign supreme in our beloved Order, your committee proceeded to the city of Boston, and from an interview had with a number of the members of said Supreme Grand Council, became convinced, as did our Ill. Brethren of Boston, that a union of the two Bodies be had upon a just and honorable basis.

With this object in view, your committee returned to New York, and at a special session of the Supreme Grand Council Ill. Bro. BANKS was added to your committee, who were empowered to act in the premises.

Accordingly, on the seventh day of February, your committee visited the city of Boston, where, meeting with a similar committee, consisting of Illustrious Brothers EDWARD A. RAYMOND, LUCIUS R. PAIGE and GEORGE M. RANDALL, Articles of Consolidation were solemnly entered into between the contracting parties, and I am most happy to announce that the two Supreme Grand Councils were united under the title of the Supreme Grand Council of the thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies.

By the sixth Article of Consolidation, the number of Active Members of the Supreme Grand Council was increased to seventeen, thereby creating eight new offices.

By the seventh Article of Consolidation, the position of Sovereign Assistant Grand Commander was conferred on Illustrious EDWARD A. RAYMOND, in recognition of his long and distinguished services in our Rite.

On the first day of March, I issued a circular letter to the various subordinate Bodies in our jurisdiction, advising them of the consolidation of the two Supreme Grand Councils, and of the increase of the number of officers. What action has been had by them, I am unable to say.

On the fifteenth day of April, the final ratification of the union of the two Bodies was consummated at our Grand East, at which session the officers

were installed in their respective positions, and proclaimed and saluted as such.

Previous to the closing of the session, our Ill.·Bro.·JOHN L. LEWIS, JR., was unanimously elected as Grand Orator of the Supreme Grand Council, Ill.·Bro.·LEVERIDGE having resigned that position a short time previous.

On the twenty-second day of April, I was introduced to Sir Knight WILLIAM JAMES BURY MACLEOD MOORE, Lieutenant Colonel in the British army, Provincial Grand Commander of Knights Templar for Canada, and Past Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Canada. Bro.·MOORE being very anxious to receive the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and of organizing Bodies of the same throughout the Canadas, and coming strongly recommended by a number of our Illustrious Brethren, and conceiving it to be for the best interest of our Order that the different Bodies of our Rite should be there established, I conferred on him the degrees up to and including the thirty-third, placed in his hand copies of our Ritual, and appointed him District Deputy Inspector for the Canadas.

I would earnestly recommend that the Supreme Grand Council confer the degrees of our Rite upon a constitutional number of Brethren of Canada, recommended by our Illustrious Brother MOORE, for the purpose of establishing a Supreme Grand Council for said place. Although not having corresponded with our Ill.·Bro.·MOORE on this subject, still if such could be done (and I have no doubt it can) it would be a great source of gratification, not only to Ill.·Brethren of Canada, but to every member of our Supreme Council.

I entertain the most sanguine hopes that the establishment of the same would redound to the prosperity of our beautiful and beloved Rite, and enhance the dignity and standing of our Supreme Council.

By Articles of Consolidation of the two Bodies, as every and all their acts were confirmed and ratified, and as the late Supreme Grand Council over which Ill.·Bro.·EDWARD A. RAYMOND had the honor to preside had voted the thirty-third degree to Sublime Prince EDWARD EDDY, a member of Cosmopolitan Consistory of this city, on the twenty-third day of April. assisted by Ill.·Bros.·CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN and HENRY C. BANKS, the latter named Brother acting as Secretary General, *pro tem.*, I elevated the above Sublime Prince to that high grade.

On the thirtieth day of April, being in the city of Boston, Mass., assisting the Consistory in conferring the degrees of our Rite, I was introduced to Sublime Prince OLIVER H. PHILLIPS, of Nashua, N. H., who gave me a very pressing invitation to visit that city. I complied with his request, and in the evening, accompanied by Ill.·Bro.·AARON P. HUGHES, was introduced to, and pleasantly entertained by, a number of prominent Masons of said State, who seemed to be very anxious to receive the degrees and petition for a warrant of constitution for a Grand Consistory.

Upon consulting with Ill.·Bro.·HUGHES, the following evening was named for said meeting, at which time I conferred the degrees up to and including the thirty-second (32d), on nineteen (19) Brethren. After they had subscribed to the oath of fealty and allegiance, I received their petition for a warrant.

On the second day of May, accompanied by Ill.·Bro.·HUGHES, I visited the

city of Manchester and conferred the degrees upon seven other Brethren, making in all twenty-six (26). Among the number at Manchester was Sir Knight EDWARD W. HARRINGTON, who, by the recommendation of Ill. Bro. HUGHES, I appointed District Deputy Inspector General for said State, after having elevated him to the grade necessary for that position.

On the fifth day of May, I visited the city of Boston, and conferred the thirty-third degree on EDWIN C. BAILEY, a member of the Grand Consistory of Massachusetts, that high grade having been voted him by the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction, previous to the Union.

On the sixth day of May, accompanied by Ill. Bro. WILLIAM ELLISON, our District Deputy for Massachusetts, I visited Providence, R. I., and conferred the degrees on Sir Knights WILLIAM B. BLANDING and THOS. A. DOYLE. Bro. DOYLE being strongly recommended by our Brethren from Massachusetts, and more especially by Ill. Bro. ELLISON, as being worthy of the honors of the thirty-third degree and the position of District Deputy for said State, and believing it to be for the general interest of our Order, I conferred on him that high grade and appointed him to that high and exalted position, and placed in his hands a blank petition for a Grand Consistory Warrant.

On the seventh day of May, I conferred the degree on His Excellency JOSEPH A. GILMORE, Governor of the State of New Hampshire, also NATHANIEL HALL, of Hooksett, both Brethren subscribing to the oath of fealty and allegiance, and signing the petition for said State.

On the eighth day of May, in the city of Boston, I conferred the thirty-third degree on Sublime Prince JOHN K. HALL, Ill. Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Consistory of the State of Massachusetts, that high grade having been voted him previous to the union of the two Supreme Councils.

On the seventeenth day of May, I received a communication from Sublime Prince WILLIAM B. BLANDING, of Providence, requesting me to visit said city, as a constitutional number of Master Masons were very anxious to receive the degrees for the purpose of organizing a Grand Consistory for the State of Rhode Island.

Accordingly, on the following day, I visited Providence, and, assisted by our Ill. Bro. WM. FIELD, I conferred the degrees on nineteen (19) Master Masons, and after they had subscribed to the oath of fealty and allegiance, I received their petition for a Warrant of Constitution, and on the twenty-second day of the month, assisted by the members of the Supreme Grand Council and a large delegation of Sublime Princes from Boston, Mass., the new and beautiful Masonic hall, at Providence, was consecrated, the Grand Consistory inaugurated, and its officers duly installed and proclaimed.

On the following day, I visited Ill. Bro. LUCIUS R. PAIGE, of Cambridgeport, Mass., and received from him what books and papers were in his possession relating to the Supreme Grand Council for the Northern Jurisdiction, which, by the fourth article of consolidation, all properties of whatever nature, kind or description belonging to the parties hereto, or either of them, were declared to be vested in the Supreme Grand Council for the United States of America.

On the sixth day of June, the name of ZENAS C. PRIEST, Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York, was presented for the honors of the thirty-third degree. Bro. PRIEST being very highly recommended by Ill. Bro. JOHN L. LEWIS, JR., our Grand Orator, also Ill. Bro. CLINTON F. PAIGE, our District Deputy Inspector, I called a special meeting of the Supreme Grand Council and invested him with the secrets of that high grade.

About the twelfth of June, I received a pressing invitation to visit the town of Chambersburg, Penn., in reference to matters relating to the Ancient and Accepted Rite, from the tenor of which I was prone to believe that different bodies of our Order might be established in said place.

I immediately responded to the call, and in company with Ill. Bro. SICKELS visited said place; and have no doubt Bodies of our Rite could have been established there, had it not been for the high state of excitement in consequence of the expected raid of General JENKINS, of the rebel army, which was made manifest on the second day of our arrival by a visitation of twelve hundred of his cavalry, in the dead hour of night.

The place being in the hands of the rebels, of course all business was suspended, and we detained as prisoners until he evacuated the town, which occurred two days after; embracing the opportunity we returned to New York.

On the nineteenth day of June, the Grand Consistory of the State of New Hampshire was inaugurated, and its officers installed, at the city of Nashua, Ill. Bro. EDWIN C. BAILEY, of Boston, presiding. It was my intention to have been present on that occasion, and to have taken part in those beautiful and interesting ceremonies; but having been detained at Chambersburg, Penn., in company with Ill. Bro. SICKELS, and returning to New York on the day of inauguration, I was unable so to do; but learned that after the ceremonies were concluded, the Brethren by invitation sat down and partook of a splendid banquet gotten up by Sublime Prince CHASE. Nothing transpired to mar the harmony of the occasion, the Brethren returning to their respective homes well pleased with their day's entertainment.

On the seventh and tenth days of June, I elevated to the grade of thirty-third degree, Sublime Princes J. H. HOBART WARD and NICHOLAS MICKELS, who had been voted that degree at a meeting of the Supreme Council of Boston.

In the month of June, I received a communication from Ill. Bro. LAWSON, of Lowell, Mass., in reference to the organization of a Grand Consistory for the State of Wisconsin. I thereupon visited Bro. LAWSON, who kindly and fraternally placed me in possession of the necessary information, as also letters of introduction to some of the most prominent Masons of the State of Wisconsin. And having myself received a letter from Bro. HENRY L. PALMER, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of that State, requesting me to visit him for that purpose, the Brethren of Wisconsin being so highly recommended by Ill. Bro. LAWSON, and a number of Sublime Princes from the State of Massachusetts, accompanied by Ill. Bro. SICKELS, I set out for the city of Milwaukee, where I arrived on the fifth day of August, and on the

three following days, I conferred the degrees on twenty-nine Brethren, who subscribed to the oath of fealty and allegiance, and to a petition of a Warrant of Constitution; and being desirous to be inaugurated and installed, as a majority of the members were residents in different parts of the State, on the tenth of the month, the beautiful and interesting ceremonies of consecration and inauguration were performed to the entire satisfaction of all present. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the Brethren partook of a splendid banquet, at the Newhall House.

Previous to the inauguration of the Grand Consistory. I elevated to the grade of thirty-third degree, Sublime Prince HENRY L. PALMER, and appointed him District Deputy for said State. I also conferred the degree on Sublime Prince ALVIN B. ALDEN, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, and WILLIAM T. PALMER, Grand Secretary of the same, also on MELVIN L. YOUNGS, Grand Lecturer, JARED W. CRIPPEN and SAMUEL F. GREELEY, Sublime Princes.

Lafayette Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix, located in this city, has been working under a warrant granted by the Sovereign Grand Consistory in the year 1824, to Ill. Bros.: OLIVER M. LOWNDS, GARRET MORGAN, HENRY MARSH, W. T. HUNTER, MARIANO VALASQUES and WILLIAM H. WETMORE, said warrant having been issued previous to the establishment of Lodges of Perfection and Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, under the organization of the Sovereign Grand Consistory, and giving them power to confer the degrees up to and including the Rose Croix, which is in violation of our Grand Constitutions of the year 1862, which expressly say, Chapters of Rose Croix shall have power to confer the seventeenth and eighteenth degrees only. I would respectfully recommend that a warrant be issued in accordance with the Grand Constitutions, free of charge, and the old warrant deposited in the Archives of the Supreme Grand Council.

At the last session of the Supreme Grand Council a resolution was passed, empowering the Trustees to receive all moneys in the hands of the Treasurer exceeding \$50.00, and to deposit the same in some savings bank or institution, to be drawn out only by a vote of the Supreme Grand Council.

The members of the Supreme Council and Sovereign Grand Consistory will remember that three Grand Consistories have been received into the sisterhood of these eminent Bodies during the last year, and consequently, very heavy expenses have been incurred by officers of the Supreme Council in visiting the different States for the purpose of organizing the same, and before the next annual session of the Supreme Council I have no doubt petitions will be received for the organization of these Bodies in the States of Vermont, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan, and to institute said Bodies it will be necessary for the Ill. Brother empowered to act to have the wherewithal to meet the expenses of visiting those States: as the resolution now reads, it is impossible so to do without a meeting of the Supreme Council; I would therefore recommend that the resolution be so amended as to enable the Brother appointed to act in the premises.

During the recess of the Supreme Grand Council I have received for conferring the degrees, up to and including the thirty-third, and for patents, two thousand one hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$2,155.)

The expenses incurred for myself and associates in traveling through different States for that purpose, have been seven hundred ninety-nine dollars and seventy-seven cents (\$799.77). The balance (\$1,355.03), with the petitions for said Bodies, as also the books and papers received from Ill.: LUCIUS R. PAIGE, have been delivered to the Grand Secretary General.

I take great pleasure in announcing to the Supreme Grand Council and Sovereign Grand Consistory, that the utmost harmony prevails among the members of our Order throughout our jurisdiction.

At no time since the establishment of the Ancient and Accepted Rite on this continent has it been in such a healthy and flourishing condition as at present. At no time have its members increased so rapidly as since the union of the two Bodies. We have in this jurisdiction six Grand Consistories, viz.: Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey, New Hampshire and Wisconsin. New York as yet has none, but as there are three subordinate Consistories in our State, two located in this city and one at Syracuse, I would advise a convention be called of the members of said Bodies, and such measures taken as will speedily ensure the organization of a Grand Consistory.

I sincerely hope and trust that the time is not far distant when each and every State in our jurisdiction shall have its Grand Consistory for the government of Subordinate Bodies located therein.

It is greatly to be regretted that in this great city of New York, the Grand Orient of this Supreme Grand Council, we are not in possession of a suitable hall in which to hold our annual sessions, and especially for the meetings of our Subordinate Bodies, without which it is impossible for them to diffuse and disseminate the beautiful teachings laid down in the rituals of our time-honored institutions.

I hope and trust the Supreme Grand Council will take this matter into consideration, and if the Treasury will admit (of which I have no doubt from its increase during the past year), appoint a suitable committee, empowering them to rent and decorate, in an appropriate manner, rooms for the use of this Supreme Council. In so doing it can be rented to the Subordinate Bodies in the city, where all can meet and be under one fold, when the beautiful teachings of our Rite may be exemplified in such manner as will redound to the prosperity of the Supreme Council for the United States of America, their territories and dependencies.

Brethren, do not close this session without some action being had in the matter.

Since the recess of the Supreme Council, numerous applications have been made to the Secretary General for diplomas of the several grades in pocket-book form. I would recommend the appointment of a committee empowered to procure a suitable design for the use of the members throughout our jurisdiction, which would also increase our revenue to a very great extent.

The Ill.: Brethren will bear in mind there is no amendatory clause to our Grand Constitutions; consequently, they can be altered or revised at any meeting of the Body. I would recommend that a suitable article be added to obviate the same.

As the business of our Supreme Grand Council has been largely increased

during the last year, and must of necessity so continue, as the different Grand and Subordinate Bodies spring into existence in our jurisdiction, it is necessary that such measures be taken as will expedite the same.

I would therefore recommend the appointment of the following committees : on Finance, on Foreign Correspondence, on Appeals, and on Printing.

I have thus, Ill. Brethren, informed you of my official acts during the last year. I hope and trust that in all our deliberations here, we may have but one object in view—to please each other, to be as a unit in all our acts; and may the session redound to the prosperity of our Rite. May the Grand Architect of the Universe smile upon our efforts, and bless all our labors with success.

SEPT. 2d, 1863.—Ill. Bro. DOYLE offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That Ill. be and they are hereby appointed a committee to prepare, and, with the approval of the M. P. Sov. Grand Commander, to issue, at as early date as practicable, a condensed statement of the origin and history of the recent attempt of certain parties residing in a State within and under the jurisdiction of this Grand Council, to organize a Council of Sovereign Inspectors General, in opposition to the authority of this Body.

OCT. 19th, 1864.—Ill. Bro. H. J. SEYMOUR then introduced Ill. Bro. L. BARON A. HUGO DE BULOW, the Grand Representative of this Supreme Council near the Supreme Council of France, who was received with the honors due his rank.

OCT. 20th, 1864.—Your Committee on Nominations, to whom were referred various names for the grade of Deputy Inspector General and others for Active Membership in this Supreme Council, having considered the matter referred, would report, submitting the following names for Active Membership in the Supreme Council :

Ill. Bro. HENRY L. PALMER, of Wisconsin.
 THOMAS J. CORSON, of New Jersey.
 GEO. W. BENTLEY, of Massachusetts.
 AARON KING, of New Hampshire.
 WILLIAM R. HIGBY, of Connecticut.
 CLINTON F. PAIGE, of New York.

OCT. 21, 1864.—The Ill. Grand Secretary then offered his resignation as Grand Secretary.

The Ill. 2d Lieutenant Grand Commander, H. THOMPSON, offered his resignation of office.

The members of the Supreme Council then proceeded, in accordance with the amended Constitutions, to the election of officers for the ensuing three years.

Active members of the Supreme Council present—

Ill. SIMON W. ROBINSON,	Ill. CHAS. T. McCLENACHAN,
HOPKINS THOMPSON,	PETER LAWSON,
JOHN L. LEWIS,	JOHN INNES,
LUCIUS R. PAIGE,	HENRY L. PALMER,
DANIEL SICKELS,	GEO. W. BENTLEY,
ROBERT E. ROBERTS,	AARON KING,
HARRY J. SEYMOUR,	CLINTON F. PAIGE.

The following officers were then duly elected :

Ill. EDMUND B. HAYES, M. P. Sov. Grand Commander.
JOHN L. LEWIS, 1st Lieut. Grand Commander.
LUCIUS R. PAIGE, Grand Orator.
DANIEL SICKELS, Grand Secretary General H. E.
GEORGE W. BENTLEY, Grand Treasurer.
HENRY C. BANKS, Grand Marshal General.
CHAS. T. McCLENACHAN, Grand Master of Ceremonies.
JOHN INNES, Grand Standard Bearer.
WILLIAM FIELD, Grand Captain of the Guard.

NEW YORK, December 20, 1864.

The Supreme Grand Council met this day, and was opened in the usual form by the M. P. Sov. Grand Commander, EDMUND B. HAYES, assisted by

Ill. HENRY C. BANKS, <i>Grand Marshal General H. E.</i>
CHAS. T. McCLENACHAN, <i>Grand Master of Ceremonies.</i>
JOHN INNES, <i>Grand Standard Bearer.</i>
PETER LAWSON, <i>Active Member.</i>
ROBERT E. ROBERTS, <i>Active Member.</i>
WILLIAM ELLISON, <i>Deputy Inspector General, 33°.</i>
HUGH GARDNER, “ “ “
J. H. H. WARD, “ “ “

The Supreme Council was opened in ample form by the Ill. Grand Commander, who stated that this special meeting had been called by him in consequence of the large amount of business that had been left unattended to by the Body at its annual session.

The Secretary General, Ill. Bro. DANIEL SICKELS, being absent, the Grand Commander appointed Ill. Bro. C. T. McCLENACHAN Secretary General *pro tem.*

The Committee on Nominations reported unanimously in favor of granting the thirty-third grade to JOHN G. CASE, S. P. R. S., of Boston, Mass.

Report received, and ballot ordered immediately, which resulted in electing Bro. CASE to the grade of Deputy Inspector General.

On motion, it was then determined by the Grand Body, that if any Sublime Prince were in waiting for the grade of thirty-third, who had been elected, the degree should be conferred before proceeding with other business.

Sublime Princes SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE and JOHN G. CASE, both of Massachu-

setts, being in waiting, were then introduced in due form, and fully received. constituted and acknowledged Deputy Inspectors General of the thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and instructed and proclaimed as such, being greeted with the Grand Honors.

DEC. 20th, 1864.—Ill. Bro. WILLIAM ELLISON resigned his position as Deputy for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Ill. Bro. SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Ill. Bro. JOHN SHEVILLE was appointed Deputy for the State of New Jersey.

Ill. Bro. ORRIN WELCH was appointed Deputy for the State of New York.

SEPT. 11th, 1865.—Ill. Bro. C. T. McCLENACHAN, 33°, preferred a charge, with three specifications, of the violation of sundry obligations by HENRY J. SEYMOUR, 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite as set forth in the ritual of the degrees.

The charge and specifications were read in the presence of the Sov. Grand Commander and Inspector General present.

Ill. Bro. HENRY C. BANKS, 33°, moved that the charge and specifications be referred to a commission, which was carried, and the Sov. Grand Commander announced Ill. Bros. HENRY C. BANKS, JOHN INNES and HOPKINS THOMPSON, 33°, said commission for the trial.

Ill. Bro. C. T. McCLENACHAN, 33°, moved the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the rules, forms and laws which govern trials in the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, or other Masonic Bodies, be designated as those to govern in the conduct of this case.

Which was carried.

Ill. Bro. McCLENACHAN, on behalf of D. SICKELS, 33°, moved that a committee be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of resuming the old name, Supreme Council of Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, in lieu of the one at present adopted, the said committee to report at the next adjourned meeting of this Body. Carried.

Committee.

Ill. Bro. SICKELS, Ill. Bro. McCLENACHAN, Ill. Bro. BANKS.

SEPT. 11th, 1865.—Ill. Bro. BANKS moved that the Sov. Grand Commander appoint one or more delegates to repair to Charleston, S. C., at the meeting of the Southern Supreme Council.

OCT. 22d, 1865.—The committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the propriety of resuming the name of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, reported in favor of resuming said name. Which report was, on motion, received and unanimously adopted.

Ill. Bro. SICKELS announced the names of Ill. Bros. LUCIUS R. PAIGE, of Cambridgeport, Mass., and SICKELS, of New York, as the committee appointed by the M. P. Sov. Grand Commander to visit the Supreme Council of the

Southern Jurisdiction, at Charleston, S. C., and represent this Body in said Supreme Council.

DEC. 13th, 1865.—Ill.·Bro.·McCLENACHAN and PAIGE then introduced Ill.·Bro.·EBENEZER H. SHAW, of California, Sov.·Grand Inspector General, 33°, and a member of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, who was received in due form and seated in the East.

The Ill.·Grand Secretary General presented the resignation of M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander EDMUND B. HAYES; which was, on motion of Ill.·CLINTON F. PAIGE, received, and a committee of three appointed to report resolutions expressive of the sentiments of this Body.

Committee.

Ill.·Bro.·C. F. PAIGE, Ill.·Bro.·PETER LAWSON, Ill.·Bro.·D. SICKELS.

DEC. 13th, 1865.—Ill.·Bro.·McCLENACHAN moved that Ill.·Bro.·CHARLES JEFFERSON HARRAH, Deputy Inspector General, 33°, be appointed the Representative of this Supreme Council near the Supreme Council of Brazil, and that the necessary documents be made out by the Grand Secretary General and forwarded to Ill.·Bro.·HARRAH. Carried.

DEC. 14th, 1865.—On motion, it was

Resolved, That the members of the Supreme Council now proceed to elect a Sov.·Grand Commander to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Ill.·Bro.·HAYES.

Ill.·Bros.·LAWSON and KING were then appointed tellers, and the Ill.·Brethren proceeded to ballot, which resulted in the unanimous election of Ill.·Bro. SIMON W. ROBINSON, there being present a majority of all the officers and Active Members of the Supreme Council.

Ill.·Bro.·SIMON W. ROBINSON was then duly installed as M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, and was so proclaimed and received. He then took the Chair and assumed the Baton of authority.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That no visitors be admitted to the deliberations of this Supreme Council at this session, except by special vote.

Ill.·Bro.·BANKS, Chairman of the Committee appointed to investigate certain charges and specifications presented to this Supreme Council against HENRY J. SEYMOUR, a Past Officer in this Supreme Council, reported that they had carefully examined the said charges and specifications and the proofs thereof; that the aforesaid J. H. SEYMOUR had been duly notified to attend the meeting of the commission, and had been served with a copy of the charges and specifications; that said charges and specifications had been fully sustained; and offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the said HENRY J. SEYMOUR be and is hereby expelled from

all the rights and privileges of masonry in every branch of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

Signed by committee, HENRY C. BANKS, JOHN INNES, HOPKINS THOMPSON.

On motion, the report was received and the resolution unanimously adopted, —the members voting *viva voce* by roll call, beginning with the junior member (see *Note*).

NOTE.—Brother SEYMOUR denied the right of this Supreme Council to try him, denying its authority and legitimacy, and asserting that as he had never belonged to it, since its formation in October, 1864 (see *Ante*), it had no jurisdiction whatever over him. It is admitted on all sides that after the formation of this Council, in October, 1864, Bro. SEYMOUR remained away from the Supreme Council.

The Committee on Recommendation then made the following report :

That they take great pleasure in recommending for the grade of Deputy Inspector General the following Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret :

GEORGE J. GARDNER, Syracuse, N. Y.

JAMES M. AUSTIN, Grand Secretary Grand Lodge, New York.

WILLIAM A. SMITH, Worcester, Mass.

HENRY B. ATHERTON, New Hampshire.

JAMES B. CHAFFEE, Afton, N. Y.

GEORGE W. WASHBURN, Jr., Wisconsin.

J. CLARKE HAGEY, Pennsylvania.

CHAS. H. WHITE, Boston, Mass.

H. CLAY PRESTON, Binghamton, N. Y.

GEO. A. BARNEY, New York City.

And for Active Membership in this Supreme Council—

J. CLARKE HAGEY, Pennsylvania.

And for Deputy for the State of Wisconsin—

ALVIN B. ALDEN.

Also for Active Membership in this Supreme Council—

WILLIAM BARRETT, New Hampshire.

The report was received, and, on motion, the Ill. Brethren were balloted for and duly elected.

JUNE 7th, 1866.—Committee on Nominations then presented the following report of names for the favorable consideration of this Council :

Rev. H. M. JOHNSON, D. D., 33°, of Carlisle, Pa., proposed by Ill. Bro. HAGEY.

SEYMOUR H. STONE, 33°, of Syracuse, N. Y., proposed by Ill. Bro. ORRIN WELCH.

CHARLES H. PLATT, of Plattsburgh, N. Y., proposed by Ill. Bro. C. F. PAIGE.

DANIEL H. GOULD, 33°, of Connecticut, proposed by Ill. Bro. HIGBY.

JOHN F. COLLINS, 33°, New York City.

D. S. WALDRON,* proposed by Ill. Bro. BANKS.

SIDNEY HAYDEN, 33°, of Pennsylvania, proposed by Ill. Bro. LEWIS.

GREGORY SATTERLEE, proposed by Ill. Bro. LAWSON, referred to Committee.

* Referred back to Committee.

In pursuance of a Summons of which the following is a true copy :

T.:T.:G.:O.:T.:G.:A.:O.:T.:U.:

HEALTH, STABILITY, POWER.

From the East of the Supreme Council of Sov.:Gr.:Ins.:Gen.: of the thirty-third and last degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, under the C.:C.: of the Z.:, near the B.:B.:, answering to 40° 42' 40" N. L., and 2° 0' and 51" E. Lon., Meridian of Washington City.

ORIENT OF NEW YORK, Nov. 27, 1866.

Peer and Bro.:Sov.:Gr.:Ins.:Gen.:.

You are hereby summoned to meet the Sov.:Gr.:Commander, and Brethren Sov.:Gr.:Ins.:Gen.: at Nassau Hall, corner of Washington and Common Streets, Boston, Massachusetts, on Thursday, December 13th, at 11 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of opening a session extraordinary of the Supreme Council, and for the transaction of such business as may legally come before it.

Per order,

S. W. ROBINSON, 33°,

*M.:P.:Sov.:Grand Commander of the Supreme Council for
Northern Jurisdiction U. S. A.*

Attest : JOHN F. CURRIER, 33°,

Asst.:Gr.:Sec.:Gen.:H.:E.:.

The following named Ill.:Brothers, Sovereign Grand Inspectors General assembled at Nassau Hall, in the city of Boston, State of Massachusetts, on the fifth day of the Hebrew month called Tebet, A.:M.:5627, answering to Thursday the thirteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord 1866 :

Ill.:SIMON W. ROBINSON.

JOHN L. LEWIS,

LUCIUS R. PAIGE,

GEO. W. BENTLEY,

HENRY C. BANKS,

C. T. MCCLENACHAN,

WILLIAM FIELD,

Ill.:JOHN SHEVILLE,

CLINTON F. PAIGE,

J. CLARKE HAGEY,

WILLIAM BARRETT,

AARON KING,

PETER LAWSON,

HONORARY.

Ill.:SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,

RICHARD M. BARKER,

JOHN G. CASE,

JOHN F. CURRIER,

ISRAEL HUNT,

R. M. C. GRAHAM,

Ill.:THOMAS A. DOYLE,

WYZEMAN MARSHALL,

JAMES H. FREELAND,

ALBERT H. GOODALL, Representative of the Supreme Council of Brazil.

Ill.:SIMON W. ROBINSON, M.:P.:Sov.:Grand Commander, being present, announced that, consequent upon the death of Ill.:EDWARD A. RAYMOND, late Sov.:Grand Commander, he had succeeded to the Sov.:Grand Commandership of the Supreme Council, of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the thirty-third and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America; and, in the exercise of the rights, privileges and functions of said office, he had notified and summoned the following Ill.:Brethren, viz.: CHAREES W. MOORE, ALBERT CASE, CHARLES R. STARKWEATHER and A. B. YOUNG, to appear before him in Council Chamber, and they having failed or neglected to obey said summons, or to take notice thereof, he declared and proclaimed their seats in the Supreme Council to be vacant, and that he should proceed to fill up the vacancies in the Supreme Council, pursuant to Articles 2 and 3 of the Constitutions of 1786.

Whereupon the Brethren Sovereign Grand Inspectors General renewed their Oath of Fealty and Allegiance to the Sov.:Grand Commander, and retired from the Council Chamber.

The Sov.:Grand Commander thereupon associated with himself Ill.:PETER LAWSON as Treasurer General of the H.:E.:., and they thereupon concurred in the choice of Ill.:JOHN L. LEWIS, of Penn Yan, N. Y., as the third member of the Supreme Council, pursuant to said Constitution.

Ill.:Bro.:JOHN L. LEWIS was then introduced into the Council Chamber, and was thereupon appointed by the Sov.:Grand Commander his Lieut.:Grand Commander.

The three Ill.:Brethren then unanimously made choice of Ill.:LUCIUS R. PAIGE, of Cambridgeport, Mass., as the fourth member of the Supreme Council.

Ill.:Bro.:LUCIUS R. PAIGE was then introduced, and chosen Grand Minister of State and Grand Orator.

The four Ill.:Brethren then made choice of Ill.:Bro.:CLINTON F. PAIGE, of Binghamton, N. Y., as the fifth member of the Supreme Council.

Ill.:Bro.:C. F. PAIGE was then introduced, and duly chosen Grand Marshal General.

The five Ill.:Brethren then made choice of Ill.:CHARLES T. MCCLENACHAN, of New York, as the sixth member of the Supreme Council.

Ill.:Bro.:C. T. MCCLENACHAN was then introduced into the Council Chamber, and duly chosen Grand Master of Ceremonies.

The six Ill.:Brethren then made choice of Ill.:WILLIAM FIELD, of Providence, R. I., as the seventh member of the Supreme Council. He was then introduced into the Council Chamber, and duly chosen Grand Captain of the Guard.

The seven Ill.:Brethren then made choice of Ill.:WILLIAM BARRETT, of Nashua, N. H., as the eighth member of the Supreme Council.

Ill.:Bro.:W. BARRETT was then introduced into the Council Chamber, and duly chosen Grand Standard Bearer.

Whereupon the Sov.:Grand Commander caused it to be proclaimed that the Supreme Council, 33°, for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, was fully organized, and proceeded to install the officers in due and ancient form.

On motion, the following amendment to Article V., Sec. 1, of the Constitution of 1786, was unanimously adopted:

“That the Active Membership of this Supreme Council be raised to thirty three.”

Sec. 2 of the same Article was amended to read as follows :

“When the M.·P.·Sov.·Grand Commander, the P.·Lieut.·Grand Commander, or three other officers of the Council are present, seven shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.”

The following Ill.·Brethren were thereupon duly and successively elected Active Members of the Supreme Council, viz :

Ill.·DANIEL SICKELS,
HENRY C. BANKS,
GEORGE W. BENTLEY,
HOPKINS THOMPSON,
JOHN INNES,
GEORGE M. RANDALL,
HENRY L. PALMER,

Ill.·AARON KING,
W. R. HIGBY,
THOMAS J. CORSON,
J. CLARKE HAGEY,
JOHN SHEVILLE,
JOHN F. CURRIER.

Such of the above named Ill.·Brethren as were present were then introduced into the Council Chamber, and accepted their seats in the Council.

Ill.·DANIEL SICKELS was duly chosen Grand Secretary General H.·E., and Ill.·JOHN F. CURRIER was chosen Assistant Grand Secretary H.·E.·

The Sovereign Grand Commander then read the following

ADDRESS.

We have met, in the Providence of God, to deliberate on the present state of this Supreme Council, and to adopt such measures as will best subserve its interest, and I rejoice to meet so many of you apparently in the enjoyment of health and all the comforts of life, and I earnestly pray for their continuance. The present meeting of the Council has been called at the request of several of its members, and the business to be considered is of the first importance.

In the year 1863, and for many years previous, there were two Supreme Councils—the *Raymond* Council, whose Grand East was in Boston, and the *Hayes* Council, with its Grand East in New York, both claiming jurisdiction. These two Councils, to a certain extent, were antagonistical and hostile to each other. Much of the strength of both parties was wasted in finding fault and aiming blows at each other, and their power for good was thus paralyzed.

This condition of things could no longer be endured, and it became a subject of absorbing solicitude and inquiry, if not checked, what would be the result?

The affections which the Order inculcates were being alienated, and the fountains of social happiness poisoned. To obviate these evils, the exercise of the best faculties of the mind were put in requisition; negotiations were commenced, and prosecuted with indefatigable industry, to their completion. The fruits of those negotiations were the merging of the two Councils into one, and their constituting a “Union Council.”

Exceptions were taken to this Union, especially by the Southern Council, who, after a long and deliberate consideration of the subject, were of the

opinion that it was irregular, and therefore decided not to recognize the Council.

Ill. Bro. PIKE, whose researches, masonic intelligence and familiar acquaintance with whatever pertains to the Ancient and Accepted Rite gives to his opinion almost the authority of law, concurs with the Southern Council, and he is also of the opinion that the Raymond Council is not *dead*, but its vital energies suspended for the time being; and the Lieut. Commander, under the late E. A. RAYMOND, succeeds to the office of Sov. Grand Commander of the only legitimate Council of the Northern Jurisdiction.

To place ourselves within the pale of legitimacy, and secure fraternal relations with the Southern Council and all other regular Councils, induced the Brethren to dissolve the "Union Council," which has been done by the unanimous consent of every member.

The Union Council being dissolved, its members are consequently absolved from the Oath of Fealty, and may lawfully resuscitate the Raymond Council and exercise all the rights, privileges and functions to which it was entitled previous to its union with the Hayes Council.

This resuscitation has been consummated as provided in the 2d section of Article 3 of the Constitution of 1786; and proclamation has been made that the Officers have been regularly appointed and installed, and the Council is now ready to proceed to the consideration of business that may regularly come before it.

And now, Ill. Brethren, permit me to congratulate you upon the success of your efforts in the business for which the present meeting was called. You have resuscitated this Council from its dormancy, breathed into it the breath of life, and restored all the vital energies with which it was originally invested.

It is now believed that every obstacle to a full and complete recognition by all regular Councils is removed, and we may reasonably hope that this Supreme Council will continue to hold a high place in the scale of usefulness among the honored institutions of the land. PAX VOBISCUM.

Ill. Bro. LAWSON presented the name of Ill. Bro. JOHN A. FOSTER, of New York, for Active Membership. Which application was laid on the table.

Ill. Bro. R. M. C. GRAHAM was then proposed for Active Membership. Which application was laid on the table.

Ill. Bro. BARRETT then tendered his resignation as Grand Standard Bearer. Which was accepted.

Ill. Bro. LAWSON resigned his office as Grand Treasurer. Which was accepted.

Ill. Bro. C. F. PAIGE resigned his office as Grand Marshal. Which was accepted.

Ill. Bro. L. R. PAIGE moved that Ill. Bro. JOHN INNES be elected to the office of Grand Standard Bearer. Which motion was laid on the table.

Ill. Bro. BARRETT nominated Ill. Bro. BANKS to fill the position of Grand Marshal.

Ill. Bro. LAWSON nominated Ill. Bro. BENTLEY to fill the position of Grand Treasurer.

And, upon the ballot being taken, Ill. Bro. BENTLEY was unanimously elected Grand Treasurer, and Ill. Bro. H. C. BANKS was unanimously elected Grand Marshal.

Ill. Bro. L. R. PAIGE moved to elect a second Master of Ceremonies, and nominated Ill. Bro. JOHN SHEVILLE.

Ill. Bro. BANKS moved an amendment, to say, Resolved, that Ill. Bro. SHEVILLE be elected Grand Lecturer.

Ill. Bro. L. R. PAIGE moved to further amend (which was accepted), that there be an office and officer known as second Grand Master of Ceremonies, whose duty it shall be to act as Grand Lecturer.

Upon ballot being taken, Ill. Bro. JOHN SHEVILLE was unanimously elected second Grand Master of Ceremonies.

Ill. Bro. BANKS moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet on the Thursday after the third Wednesday in May next, at 12 m., in the city of New York, at such place as the Secretary General may designate. Motion laid on the table.

Ill. Bro. HAGEY submitted the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Letters Patent and warrant of authority under which the various Bodies acknowledging the authority of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction U. S. A., of which the following schedule is a correct exhibit, with all certificates of membership and Letters Patent granted by said Body, be continued and confirmed by this Supreme Council, for the benefit of all acknowledging its supreme authority in this jurisdiction, viz. : Grand Consistories of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, together with their subordinates.

On motion,

Resolved, That the powers of all Deputies in the several States be continued, and their acts confirmed.

Ill. Bro. McCLENACHAN asked, in behalf of Ill. Bro. WELCH, D. D. I. Gen. for the State of New York, that charters be granted to the four Bodies at Corning, N. Y., at this session of the Council.

Ill. Bro. C. F. PAIGE stated that he had subsequently seen Ill. Bro. WELCH, who requested that the matter be delayed until the next regular session. Accordingly, it was so ordered.

Ill. Bro. BARRETT proposed Ill. HORACE CHASE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, for the Honorary Grade of Deputy Grand Inspector General. Which was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

Ill. Bro. CHASE was then introduced, and the grade of D. G. I. G. conferred upon him by the proper officers.

Ill. Bro. BARRETT moved that a 33° Diploma be presented to our venerable

and beloved Brother HORACE CHASE, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire. The motion was seconded and carried.

Ill. Bro. BANKS stated that Templar Lodge of Perfection, of New York, had been resuscitated, and moved that the Charter be restored to them with full force and effect. Motion carried.

Ill. Bro. L. R. PAIGE proposed Ill. Bro. Z. H. THOMAS, JR., of Cambridgeport, Mass., for the Honorary Grade of Deputy Inspector General.

Ill. Bro. CURRIER proposed Ill. Bro. BENJ. POPE, of South Boston, Mass., for the Honorary Grade of Deputy Grand Inspector General.

Both of which were unanimously granted.

Ill. Bro. BANKS proposed Ill. Bro. WILSON SMALL, of New York, N. Y., for the Honorary Grade of Deputy Grand Inspector General. Seconded by Ill. Bro. McCLENACHAN, and unanimously carried.

Ill. Bro. C. F. PAIGE proposed Ill. Bro. JAMES BURNS, of Penn Yan, N. Y., for the Honorary Grade of Deputy Grand Inspector General, which was unanimously granted. And the Lieut. Grand Commander was authorized to confer the degree upon Ill. Bro. BURNS.

Ill. Bro. C. T. McCLENACHAN was authorized to confer the degree of Deputy Grand Inspector General upon Ill. Bro. WILLIAM SMALL.

Ill. Bro. C. F. PAIGE moved that Ill. Bro. R. M. C. GRAHAM be admitted to Active Membership in this Supreme Council. Motion seconded by Ill. Bro. BANKS, and carried.

On motion of Ill. Bro. BANKS, the Ill. Secretary General was requested and authorized to prepare a statement of our present personnel or tableau of officers, members, etc.

Ill. Bro. LAWSON moved that a Committee of Three be appointed to ascertain the *status* of the Supreme Council, funds, etc. Motion carried, and Sov. Grand Commander appointed Ill. Bros. D. SICKELS, C. F. PAIGE, and G. W. BENTLEY, committee.

Ill. Bro. PAIGE asked to be excused, which was granted, and Ill. Bro. BARRETT appointed in his place.

On motion of Ill. Bro. LAWSON, Ill. Bro. THOS. A. DOYLE, of R. I., was admitted to Active Membership.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That when the Council adjourn, they adjourn to meet to-morrow, Dec. 14, 1866, at ten o'clock A. M.

Ill. Bro. L. R. PAIGE asked to be excused, on account of ill health, from further attendance at this session of the Council.

Ill. Bro. LAWSON moved that a Committee of Conference be appointed, consisting of the Lieut. Grand Commander and two others to be appointed by him, to take into consideration the condition of the A. and A. Rite.

After considerable discussion, the motion was carried, and a committee, consisting of Ill. Bros. JOHN L. LEWIS, PETER LAWSON and L. R. PAIGE, was appointed.

Ill.·Bro.·LAWSON asked to be excused, which was granted, and Ill.·Bro.·BARRETT was appointed in his place.

Ill.·Bro.·SHEVILLE proposed for the Honorary Grade of Deputy Grand Inspector General :

Ill.·Bro.·D. W. THOMPSON,	Illinois.
WALTER A. STEARNS,	"
JAMES C. LUCKEY,	"
JAMES H. FIELD,	"
E. G. HAMILTON,	Indiana.
E. W. H. ELLIS,	"
THOS. R. AUSTIN,	"
GEORGE S. SEYMOUR,	"

Which propositions were received, and, upon ballot being taken, they were unanimously elected.

Ill.·Bro.·SHEVILLE was authorized to confer the said grade upon the above named Ill.·Brethren.

Ill.·Bro.·McCLENACHAN reported verbally upon the inauguration and installation ceremonies performed by him in Michigan, and proposed the names of Ill.·Bros.·A. T. METCALF and C. H. BROWN for the Honorary Grade of Deputy Grand Inspector General, which was seconded and carried.

Ill.·Bro.·SHEVILLE was authorized to confer the degree upon the two Ill.·Brothers from Michigan.

Ill.·Bro.·CURRIER proposed Ill.·Bro.·R. M. BARKER for Active membership, which was received, and Ill.·Bro.·BARKER was unanimously elected.

The Council then adjourned to Friday, December 14, 1866, at ten o'clock A. M.

FRIDAY, Dec. 14, 1866.

The Supreme Council resumed labor in its Senatorial Chamber of the Thirty-third Degree, pursuant to adjournment, at ten o'clock A. M. Officers and members as before.

The reading of the records of the session of the 13th inst. was temporarily dispensed with.

On motion of the Lieut.·Grand Commander, the Sov.·Grand Commander was requested to furnish the Ill.·Secretary General with a copy of his address for record.

On motion of Ill.·Bro.·SHEVILLE, Charters for the Grand Consistories of Illinois and Indiana were authorized to be issued, and to bear date of the time of their institution. And on motion to amend by Ill.·Bro.·McCLENACHAN, which was accepted by Ill.·Bro.·SHEVILLE, a similar authority was granted to the Grand Consistory of Michigan, to date Oct. 30, 1866.

Ill.·Bro.·BARRETT was substituted for Ill.·Bro.·CURRIER, (who was temporarily absent), as a special committee to introduce the Ill.·Bro.·ALBERT G. GOODALL, Representative of several Foreign Supreme Councils, for the hearing of his report, which, on the 13th inst., was made the special order for to-day at 11 o'clock.

We will now take up the proceedings of the GOURGAS-VAN RENSSELAER Council from 1860, at which time ILL. BRO. RAYMOND had closed that Council, *sine die*, and had retired from it, leaving that body to pursue its own course. The members of that Supreme Council had been well indoctrinated by the teachings of DE LA MOTTE, who began in 1813 to display his antics, by the establishment of a Supreme Council in New York City in the face of the Cerneau Sup. Council then existing and regularly acknowledged, having accomplished which, he expelled JOSEPH CERNEAU as an impostor of the first magnitude, from every Masonic Asylum within the Jurisdiction, and proclaimed that all those Symbolic Brethren, and others, who have been raised by him, and his associates, are declared irregular, and unlawful. (See Doc. No. 17.)

He was followed by J. J. J. GOURGAS, his former Clerk in business, whom he had initiated, and made him his pliant tool, in the prosecution of his unwarrantable and vindictive proceedings. Next to them comes GILES FONDA YATES, the scholar of GOURGAS, and EDWARD A. RAYMOND, taught, and fondled by both.

Added to these worthies, CHARLES W. MOORE and KILLIAN H. VAN RENSSELAER are not the least conspicuous, with the noted FITZGERALD TISDALE to bring up the rear.

A perusal of the proceedings of that body, so mixed up with scurrility and invective, tends only to belittle Masonry in the view of the outside world, and a person who is acquainted with the teachings and pretensions of the Masonic institution, is really humiliated, and disposed to turn from the whole with disgust, and seek some other subject for reflection, from which he can derive profit and satisfaction.

But it appears that even the members of that Council had become thoroughly dissatisfied with the extreme doctrines of the De La Motte School, and were determined to bring about a change. ILL. BRO. RAYMOND had assumed unwarrantable powers, in accordance with the Secret Constitutions, and Van Rensselaer and his followers decided to follow in the steps of the CERNEAU Council, by making their Officers

elective triennially, and increasing the number of their active members, thus abrogating its direct requirements. Knowing this to be their settled plan, ILL. BRO. RAYMOND left, and the Sup. Council adopted the change.

Strange to say, they advised with ILL. BRO. GOURGAS in their dilemma, who told them it would be proper to select some Brother, an active member of the body, and put him in the Chair, which they proceeded to accomplish by requesting ILL. BRO. K. H. VAN RENSSELAER to take the Chair, which, being done, they proceeded with the transaction of the regular business of the body.

The particulars of this body are fully given by ILL. BRO. RAYMOND, in his address, under date of 1863, see page 9, and it is not deemed necessary to repeat them here. After the Committee consisting of ILL. BROS. VAN RENSSELAER, CHRISTIE and STARKWEATHER, had visited ILL. BRO. GOURGAS and obtained his opinion, they reported to the Council, which report was unanimously accepted, ILL. BRO. VAN RENSSELAER took the Chair, opened the Council, and an Election was then held, and the following Ill. Brethren were chosen to fill the several offices :

ILL. KILLIAN H. VAN RENSSELAER, *P. Lieut. Gr. Commander.*

C. R. STARKWEATHER, *Grand Minister of State.*

JOHN CHRISTIE, *Grand Master of Ceremonies.*

ARCHIBALD BULL, *Grand Marshal.*

WM. B. HUBBARD, *Grand Standard Bearer.*

A Resolution passed unanimously, that, in view of the advanced age, and physical infirmities of the present M. P. Sov. Gr. Comm., etc., that it is demanded by the best interests of the Rite, that the Council should, at an early day, proceed to elect a M. P. Sov. Grand Commander.

MAY 15th, 1861.—The Sup. Gr. Council was opened in due form, P. Lieut. Gr. Commander presiding. The number of Active Members of the Council was increased to 33, and the following Brethren were admitted, and elevated to the 33d degree. viz :

WINSLOW LEWIS, M. D.,

WM. PARKMAN,

W. S. GARDNER,

A. B. THOMPSON,

H. A. JOHNSON,

N. H. GOULD,

A. E. STOCKER, M. D.,

GEO. W. DEERING.

ON MAY 21st, 1861.—The Council deposed from the Office of Sov. Gr. Com-

mander of this Council, EDWARD A. RAYMOND, and proceeded to elect ILL., WM. B. HUBBARD, of Columbus, Ohio, to fill that office. The office of Gr. Treas. Gen., filled by SIMON W. ROBINSON, was declared vacant, and the Council proceeded to elect ILL. BRO. WM. PARKMAN as Gr. Treas. of the H. E., ILL. BRO. CHARLES W. MOORE having resigned the office of Gr. Sec. Gen. of the H. E., ILL. BRO. WINSLOW LEWIS was elected in his stead, and ILL. BRO. CHARLES W. MOORE was elected to the office of Gr. Standard Bearer.

MAY 21st, 1862.—The annual Session of the Sup. Council was opened, K. H. VAN RENSSELAER acting as Sov. Gr. Commander, ILL. CHARLES W. MOORE as P. Lieut. Gr. Commander, ILL. WINSLOW LEWIS Gr. Sec. Gen., ILL. WM. PARKMAN Gr. Treas. Gen., C. R. STARKWEATHER Gr. Min. of State, and others. The following Brethren were exalted to the 33d degree and declared to be Honorary Members of the Sup. Council, viz :

Hon. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,
WILLIAM SUTTON,
JOSEPH D. EVANS,
ROBT. H. FOSS,
C. A. DAVIS,
WM. P. PREBLE,
JOEL SPALDING, M. D.,

Hon. F. G. TISDALL,
N. B. SHURTLEFF, M. D.,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM, M. D.,
N. A. THOMPSON,
D. B. TRACY, D. D.,
JOHN MCCLELLAN.

The Sov. Gr. Commander addressed the Council concerning the general routine business of the same. ILL. BRO. WM. B. HUBBARD and associates made strenuous efforts to restore Peace and Harmony to the body, and the sittings of the Council were continued several days, in the hope that ILL. BRO. RAYMOND would meet with the Council. Their efforts were ineffectual, and the Sov. Gr. Commander was deposed.

Immediately after the closing of the Sup. Council, in 1861, ILL. BRO. RAYMOND, with the assistance and co-operation of the late Treasurer, Gen. ROBINSON, conferred upon several individuals, the degrees of Kadosh, and Sub. Pr. of the Royal Secret, and subsequently elevated them to the 33°, for the purpose of forming a Sup. Gr. Council, and Sov. Gr. Consistory, after which their labors were commenced.

Charges were preferred against ILL. BROS. RAYMOND, ROBINSON, WM. FIELD, PETER LAWSON, GEORGE M. RANDALL, CHARLES S. WESTCOTT, and JOHN A. FOSTER, as aiding and abetting in the organization and working of a spurious and clandestine body, and they were expelled. The Council proceeded to an Election of M. P. Sov. Gr. Commander, resulting in the choice of ILL. K. H. VAN RENSSELAER to that office. Also, ILL. BRO. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, as P. Lieut. Gr. Commander.

MAY 20th, 1863.—At this Annual Meeting, the following Brethren were exalted to the 33d and last degree, viz :

ROBERT BERNARD HALL,
CHARLES CHASE DAME,
SAMUEL KING HUTCHINSON,

FRANCIS DARRAR,
RUFUS WHARTON LANDER,
CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY,

JOSEPH HOWELL HOUGH,
JOHN MOTT ARNOLD,
MARSHAL PINKNEY WILDER,
WENDEL THORNTON DAVIS,
CHARLES LEMUEL CHURCH,

JONATHAN TYLER SPALDING,
MOSES DODGE,
FRANCIS ASBURY BLACK,
CHARLES BINGLEY HALL.

TIMOTHY BIGELOW LAWRENCE was healed from the Raymond Council, and elevated to the 33d and last degree. He was appointed as a Representative to the several Sup. Councils wherever he might travel on the continent of Europe.

The Sov. Gr. Commander's address was delivered, but was wholly confined to the increase and prosperity of the Rite. Several Consistories, Chapters, Councils, and Lodges of Perfection, had been established, but the remaining part of the proceedings were so filled and accompanied with irrevelant matter, and malicious partizan documents, that it is thought they would not be of any interest to the Brethren of the Rite.

MAY, 1864.—But very little was done at the Annual Meeting this year, on account of the losses sustained by the Fire. The address of the Sov. Gr. Comm. was short, indicating the harmony and prosperity of its subordinates and earnest congratulation of the Brethren for their success in the work. The most of the book is taken up with a long review and denunciation of the HAYES-RAYMOND Council. It is omitted, because those very brethren, who were the loudest and most strenuous in their denunciation of that Council, are now the strongest supporters and admirers of the Raymond Council which was formed after the dissolution of the Hayes-Raymond Council.

1865 : SUP. COUNCIL.—There is nothing of interest in the Address of the Sov. Gr. Commander this year. Union, Harmony, and Peace, he states, prevail among the subordinate bodies, and the increase in numbers, and prosperity, is fully noticed.

The following Brethren of the Rite were elevated to the 33d degree, and made Honorary Members of the Sup. Council, viz. :

ILL. BRO. ALFRED CREIGH,
WM. WILSON BAKER,
EDMUND DANA BANCROFT,

ILL. BRO. JAMES WASHINGTON HESS,
WM. HENRY GALE.

The usual routine business of the Council was proceeded with, and the body closed its labors in Peace.

1866 : SUP. GR. COUNCIL.—The Address of the Sov. Gr. Commander was full of interest to the members of the Rite, containing much valuable information relative to the Sup. Gr. Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, and *personally* of Ill. Bro. PIKE. Evidently wounded to the core by the denial of ILL. BRO. PIKE and the Southern Sup. Council to recognize them, the Sov. Gr. Comm. launches out in virulence, denunciation, and personalities altogether uncalled for, and which never had a tendency to unite Brethren together who had been before at variance. We shall omit any repetition of the offensive matter.

The following persons were exalted to the 33d degree, and made Honorary Members of the Sup. Gr. Council, viz. :

BENJ. FRANKLIN PATRICK,
HENRY COLLINS RANEY,

OTIS HENRY TIFFANY,
JAMES EASTMAN JOHNSON.

The Sup. Gr. Council proceeded in the Triennial Election of Officers, and made choice of the following for the ensuing Three years, viz. :

III. Bro. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,	<i>P. Lieut. Gr. Commander.</i>
ABNER B. THOMPSON,	<i>Ill. Treas. Gen. of the H. E.</i>
NATHAN B. SHURTLEFF,	<i>" Sec. Gen. of the H. E.</i>
HOSMER A. JOHNSON,	<i>" Gr. Min. of State.</i>
RUFUS W. LANDON,	<i>" " Master of Ceremonies.</i>
BENJAMIN DEAN,	<i>" " Capt. of the Guards,</i>
HEMAN ELY,	<i>" " Marshal.</i>
CHARLES W. MOORE,	<i>" " Standard Bearer.</i>

MAY, 15th, 1867 : SUP. GR. COUNCIL.—A very full Council assembled, with M. P. SOV. GR. COMMANDER K. H. VAN RENSSELAER presiding, and the body opened in ample form.

The Joint Committee of Conference of the two Gourgas bodies of the Anct. and Acc. Scot. Rite in the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, recommend the settlement of the differences existing between the two bodies upon the following terms :

1st.—There shall be *one* Sup. Council of the A. . A. . Rite for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States, to be composed of the United Sup. Councils heretofore existing therein, (i. e., the resuscitated Raymond Council and the Van Rensselaer Council,) the one having its Gr. East in New York and the other having its Grand East in Boston, whose active members shall be Twenty-Eight in number from each Council, and no more at the time of Union, in order that the United Council shall have Fifty-Seven Sov. Gr. Ins. Gen., which number may be hereafter increased at the pleasure of the Sup. Council.

2d.—All action heretofore taken in expelling members from either Council, etc., is hereby revoked.

3d.—All subordinate bodies to be deemed valid, etc.

10th.—The Grand Orient of this Jurisdiction shall be at Boston, etc.

11th.—One Annual Meeting, at least every 3 years, shall be held at Boston, etc.

12th.—Allowing the amendment of the Constitution by a two-thirds vote, etc. See Proceedings 1867.

All of which was unanimously adopted by the Sup. Council and its honorary members.

III. Bros. James Van Sandt Blaney and Charles Hiram Putnam were advanced to the 33d degree and were declared Hon. Members of the Sup. Gr. Council.

III. Bro. Frederick H. Dorr was advanced to the 33d degree, and made an Honorary Member of the Sup. Council.

M. P. K. H. VAN RENSSELAER resigned his office of Sov. Gr. Comm. ILL.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND was elected Sov. Gr. Commander. ILL. HEMAN ELY, Gr. Treas. Gen. H. E. N. B. SHURTLEFF, Gr. Keeper of the Archives. H. STANLEY GOODWIN, Gr. Marshal. ROBERT H. FOSS, Gr. Standard Bearer.

The Sup. Council, whose Grand East is in New York, elected the following

III. BRO. JOSIAH HAYDEN DRUMMOND, *M. P. Sov. Gr. Commander.*

JOHN L. LEWIS, *P. Lieut. Gr. Comm.*

DANIEL SICKELS, *Gr. Sec'y. Gen. of the H. E.*

ELBRIDGE GARY HAMILTON, *Gr. Mas. of Ceremonies.*

CLINTON FREEMAN PAIGE, *Gr. Min. of State.*

SAMUEL CROCKER LAWRENCE, *Gr. Captain of the Guard.*

A procession was then formed, and the members of this Sup. Gr. Council proceeded to the Grand Lodge Hall, met there in Convention with the members of the Resuscitated Raymond Sup. Gr. Council whose Grand East was at New York, and thereupon all united in organizing what was called the

SUPREME COUNCIL OF SOV. GR. INSP. GENL. 33D DEGREE

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE

FOR THE

NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION, U. S. A.

ESTO PERPETUA!

DEUS MEUMQUE JUS.

MAY 16th, 1867.—M. P. Sov. Gr. Commander, SIMON W. ROBINSON, resigned.

Thus these two Councils, separated since 1860, and since that time antagonistic to each other, have come together, and a Union has been consummated, doing away with all former difficulties and differences, and forming One Grand Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, which is the legitimate successor of the old Gourgas Council, and possesses all its rights, authorities and powers. It is true that the Council, as thus formed, was composed of discordant materials. There were extremes of all sorts, and to look at them as they stood, one would be apt to imagine that such an Union could not last for any length of time.

The question naturally presents itself, viz: How was

this extraordinary Union brought about? There were many things about it that were, to say the least, mysterious. Who, in the first instance, made the bargain? And what was the consideration? Who proposed to dissolve the Union Council, and who assented to the dissolution? The vote was said to be unanimous, and yet many of the Active Members knew nothing about it until the thing was done. Who induced ILL. BRO. HAYES to resign, while he was laying upon a sick bed, and what was the consideration? Who assented to the re-formation of the Raymond Council, leaving the CERNEAU Council members to take care of themselves?

These are important questions relating to this matter, and there are many members of the CERNEAU Council who can answer them if they are disposed to do so.

On the RAYMOND side, the game was all in their own hands, and well they played their parts. They desired to "crush out" the CERNEAU Council, and as far as the members of the CERNEAU Council who were present were concerned, they were successful. But if it is supposed for a moment that they have consummated this act, they are grievously mistaken. There are a great many members of the CERNEAU Council who were not present at that transaction, and knew nothing of it, and the Spirit of the body is not crushed, but the flame still burns, and the desire is strong among them to-day, to gather together as CERNEAU men, and with zeal and unflinching courage, go on with the legitimate work. That Council is not dead; it has only "lost its vitality" by being left out in the cold.

But happily for that body, the members had become wise. The Articles of Union agreed upon, made it obligatory, that the number of Active Members of the Supreme Council should be Fifty-Six, and not be increased beyond Sixty-Six. They also make all the Officers of the Council Elective, triennially, and to be chosen from the body of the Active Members. The Sov. Gr. Comm. is stripped of all his arbitrary powers, and becomes simply the Executive officer of the body, his decisions may be appealed from, and the will of the members in majority must be obeyed. All vacancies in

Offices must be filled by Election, not by appointment, and the power of naming a Successor by the Sov. Gr. Commander is banished and forgotten.

In other words, they have buried out of sight the noted Secret Constitutions of FREDERIC OF PRUSSIA, and have made a Constitution to suit themselves. This alone will insure for this Supreme Council, long continued harmony among its members, and lead them toward the goal to which the Order is aiming, as expressed in her Salutation—"UNION, CONTENTMENT, WISDOM—the next being UNION, STABILITY, POWER.

We have now to take up this Sup. Gr. Council as it is, and carry it through a period of twelve years. As everything connected with it has gone on prosperously, there is very little to be said or written. The routine business of the body has been well and faithfully attended to, and complaints are not known. The degrees of the Rite are conferred in a masterly manner; all the bodies are very fully attended; the interest of initiates is greatly increasing, and the Treasury is, by no means, poor. Extravagance in expenditure is avoided, and a conservative spirit prevails. This short and very general description must suffice, as the detail of the transactions would be monotonous—quite uninteresting, and would swell the present volume to fourfold its present size. The transactions are printed annually; every member of the Rite can obtain a copy, and all that is wanting to be known can readily be found there.

Following the Union of the previous year, the Officers of the Sup. Council were as follows :

- III. Bro. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, *M. P. Sov. Gr. Commander.*
- CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY, *P. Lieut. Gr. Commander.*
- HEMAN ELY, *Gr. Treas. General.*
- DANIEL SICKELS, *Gr. Sec. General.*
- NATHANIEL B. SHURTLEFF, *Gr. Keeper of the Archives.*
- CLINTON F. PAIGE, *Gr. Min. of State.*
- SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE, *Gr. Capt. of the Guard.*
- ELBRIDGE G. HAMILTON, *Gr. Mas. of Ceremonies.*
- HOMER S. GOODWIN, *Gr. Marshal General.*
- ROBERT H. FOSS, *Gr. Standard Bearer.*

The Offices of the Sup. Gr. Council were filled during the

following Twelve years with very little change. Ill. Bro. Drummond having been re-elected to the Commandership Three times. In 1879, he was succeeded by Ill. Bro. HENRY L. PALMER, who is now Sov. Gr. Commander. During this time, there have been elevated to the Thirty-third and last degree about Two Hundred Ill. Br. who have been made Honorary Members of the Council, a full list of whom will be found in the Tableau for 1880, attached to the proceedings of that year, numbering about Three Hundred in the different States of the Jurisdiction.

The Permanent Fund of the Sup. Gr. Council is now very little less than Twenty Thousand Dollars—all from the Initiation fees of Candidates for the 33d degree.

There are over One Hundred and Eighty bodies scattered through the different States of the Jurisdiction, as Consistories, Councils, Chapters, and Lodges—all fully attended, and making regular Annual returns.

The Sup. Gr. Council for 1881 stands as follows :

Ill. Bro. HENRY L. PALMER, *M. P. Sov. Gr. Commander.*
 CHARLES LEVI WOODBURY, *P. G. Lieut. Commander.*
 JOSEPH DAVIS EVANS, *Gr. Min. of State.*
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 THOMAS R. LAMBERT, D. D., *Gr. Prior.*
 J. H. HOBART WARD, *Marshal of Camp.*
 CHARLES E. MEYER, “ “
 HUGH McCURDY, “ “

There are Fourteen Deputies of the Sup. Council, viz.: One in each State of the Jurisdiction.

Every member of the Rite can obtain a copy of the Annual Proceedings of each year, which contain full information of all the events occurring in the body, with a very large amount of valuable information.

WE will now take up the history of the Cerneau Supreme Council from the dissolution of the Hays-Raymond Council in 1864, and continue the same down to the present time.

The only member of the old Cerneau Council of 1860 who did not participate in, or consent to, this Union was Ill. Benjamin C. Leveridge, Grand Minister of State, who, prior to said Union, and in consequence of his disapproval thereof, resigned.

After the dissolution of the Union in 1864-5, Ill. Harry J. Seymour called together these Inspectors General of the Hayes-Cerneau body who did not unite themselves with the resuscitated Raymond Council, and formed a Supreme Council, which continued to hold meetings and transact business up to 1880, when the same was reorganized, and Ill. H. J. Seymour resigned his office of Sov. Grand Com. to Ill. William H. Peckham, who has previously held the offices of Treasurer General and Deputy Grand Com. The following is a copy of the Instrument by which this transfer of Authority was effected :

DEUS MEUMQUE JUS. ORDO AB CHAO.

IN THE NAME OF THE SUPREME ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.

To all to whom these presents shall come greeting :

Whereas, I, Harry J. Seymour, Sov. Grand Inspector General of the Supreme Grand Council, 33d and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the United States of America, its Territories and Dependencies, am Most Potent Sovereign Grand Commander of the Same, and

Whereas, William H. Peckham has been duly chosen and installed by me, the Illustrious Deputy Grand Commander of the Supreme Council thereof, whose Orient is under the C.:C.: of the Z.:, near the B. B., answering to 40 deg. 42 min. and 40 sec. N. L., and 2 deg. 0 min. and 51 sec. E. lon., meridian of Washington City, and

Whereas, I for valid and sufficient reasons am desirous of resigning and relinquishing my said office of Most Potent Sovereign Grand Commander of the said Sup. Council, and all my power and authority as such, from whatever source derived, and all other offices, authorities and powers incident or appertaining thereto, and

Whereas, I have consulted with the members of said Rite, and with the Sovereign Grand Consistory thereof as to the most suitable person to succeed me in said office, powers and authorities, and they have without dissent acquiesced in and approved of the selection hereinafter expressed, (although the seeking of such acquiescence and approval was an act of grace on my part, and was not necessary or matter of right.)

Now, therefore, these Presents witness that I have, and hereby do, in the presence of said Sovereign Grand Consistory, relinquish and forever resign my office of Most Potent Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the United States of America, its Territories and Dependencies, and all my power and authority as such, from whatever source derived, and all other offices, authorities and powers incident or appertaining thereto, and that I have and hereby do make, constitute and appoint William H.

Peckham, of the city of New York, my successor in and to said office, powers and authorities, and do hereby invest him, and convey and transfer to him, the said office of Most Potent Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the United States of America, its Territories and Dependencies, and all the power and authority as such, which I now have or ever have had, from whatever source derived, and also all other offices, authorities and powers incident or appertaining thereto, to have and to hold the same unto the said William H. Peckham and his successors for ever.

And I do hereby promise and declare that I have not done or performed any act, deed or thing whereby my power to carry out and perform the tenor and effect of these presents is impaired or in any way diminished, and that I hereby cancel, revoke and annul any and all appointments to the said office of said Most Potent Sovereign Grand Commander heretofore made by me, to take effect at my death or otherwise, and hereby declare the same to be null and void, and any such appointment or appointments shall be delivered up to be cancelled to said William H. Peckham, or his successor and successors, and I do hereby further promise and declare that I will at all times do, perform, make and execute any act, deed or thing which may be demanded of me by said William H. Peckham, or his successor or successors, for the purpose of confirming these presents, and sustaining and perpetuating the said William H. Peckham, and his successor and successors in the office, authorities and powers aforesaid.

Done at the City of New York, County and State of New York, this twenty-second day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty of the Christian Era.

HARRY J. SEYMOUR, [L. s.]

Sealed and delivered in }
the presence of }

M. P. Sov. Gr. Commander.

CHARLES F. BECK, 33°.

The Supreme Council as at present existing is given below, together with a roster of the Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, 32°, giving it allegiance, which has been furnished to the Author by the politeness of the Grand Secretary General, with a request that the same be herein inserted, and inasmuch as it forms a part of the history of the Rite, the Author has acceded to such request.

SUPREME COUNCIL.—MARCH, 1881.

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This Council is the legitimate successor of the Cerneau Supreme Council, which was disbanded in 1863, upon the formation of the Union, and as such possesses all the attributes, powers and authority which the Cerneau-Hayes Council possessed at that time.

On the other hand the present Council of the Northern Jurisdiction under the command of Ill. Henry S. Palmer, is the legitimate successor of the Raymond-Gourgas Council, which was likewise disbanded upon the formation of said Union, and as such possesses all the attributes, powers and authority which the Raymond Council possessed at that time, and none other.

The question therefore as to the paramount authority of these Rival Councils is to-day in the same position it occupied in 1862, and to the consideration of that question the Author refers the reader to a careful perusal of the prior pages of this work, in which a full and exhaustive discussion of the controversy will be found.

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